

before his colleagues could rush him to the nearby general

Ikorodu.

Speaking with PUNCH Metro

blaming the lack of housing and stable power supply for the

hospital.

"We urgently need proper

Uber driver killed, body dumped

Dayo Oyewo



•Ayinde

THE Lagos State chapter of the Amalgamated Union of App-Based Transporters of Nigeria has mourned the death of a 42-year-old e-hailing driver, Yusufat Ayinde, who was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants on Friday.

The chairman, Jaiyesinmi Azeez, who confirmed the incident, told PUNCH Metro on Monday that the deceased was on duty in the evening when he was attacked.

He said Ayinde received a ride request through the e-hailing app and arrived at the designated location, where he was ambushed by a group of hoodlums.

According to him, the assailants fatally stabbed him in the process and fled with his vehicle.

He said, "Comrade Yusufat Olawale Ayinde is our member and the admin of a body of Professional Chauffeur in the state. He was tragically murdered in a brutal attack initiated by unidentified

assailants. According to our findings, Ayinde received a ride request through the e-hailing app, and upon arrival at the designated location, he was ambushed by a group of hoodlums who requested him.

The assailants fatally stabbed Ayinda and subsequently stole his vehicle."

It was gathered that the deceased's remains were dumped along the Agindigbi Road in the Ikeja area of the state from where it was conveyed to the morgue.

However, Azeez expressed concern over the safety of members of the union and advocated increased security measures for drivers in the area.

He added that the union had through its task force initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Ayinda's murder.

He said, "The task force is currently working in collaboration with the family and other authorities to gather evidence and identify the app through which the ride request was made. Efforts are

Monday, said the suspect, who is the Managing Director/CEO of Barryshine Suleiman Nigeria Ltd., came under the agency's watchlist over his alleged

on Lagos road

being made to track down the assailants and bring them to justice.

"The task force will coordinate with law enforcement to enhance investigative efforts and leverage technology in tracking the assailants."

Azeez explained that discussions were underway to implement additional safety protocols for e-hailing drivers, including possible emergency response systems and increased surveillance in high-risk areas.

"The union will continue to support Ayinda's family and ensure they receive the necessary assistance during this tragic time. The Auaton Lagos State Task Force is committed to ensuring that justice is served and that steps are taken to prevent such incidents in the future. Further updates will be provided as the investigation

2022 and 2023.

Babafemi stated that many of Barryshine's drug mules had been arrested by the NDLEA, prosecuted, and convicted, while he is currently facing

(a.k.a. Igbono, Baba Eje, Ade Iwaya, Femi Iwaya) Olumuyiwa Ilori (a.k.a. Murphy); Alate Bukki of Kaffy Travels.

"The suspects were declared

progresses," he concluded.

PUNCH Metro reported that the Lagos State Police Command arrested a 21-year-

old US returnee, David Segun, and two others for allegedly killing an Uber driver in the Obalende area of Lagos State.

Court remand

Onozure Dania

ALagos State Magistrate Court sitting in Tinubu Square on Monday ordered the remand of four men at the correctional centre for allegedly stealing an SUV vehicle valued N12m.

The defendants are Wale Odunlami, Salami Isiaka, Tajudeen Yekini, and Nurudeen Ogunmola. They were remanded in the custody of the correctional centre respectively by Magistrate Mrs Ayoku Gbajumo, after they all pleaded not guilty to the charges made against them by the



•The court

Force Criminal Investigation Department Annex, Alagbon, Ikoyi, Lagos.

INTERPOL arrests 36 in Nigeria criminal raid, recovers

Johnson Idowu

THE International Criminal Police Organisation says it arrested no fewer than 36 suspects for offences bordering on fraud and human trafficking in a coordinated operation with security agencies in Nigeria.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a statement obtained on the INTERPOL's website on Monday that the operation also led to the recovery of \$3m

among other exhibits.

According to the statement, three of the suspects were arrested for alleged sextortion, while the majority of other suspects were arrested for cyber fraud activities.

It read, "In a major blow to organized crime, 12 different Nigerian law enforcement agencies, supported by INTERPOL and AFRIPOL, have launched a sweeping operation that has resulted in the arrests

of 36 individuals and seizures worth USD 3 million.

"Following two months of preparation, national authorities carried out increased border checks, targeted raids at identified hotspots and followed up on actionable leads over five operational days.

"Most arrests were made for cyber-enabled fraud and the vast majority of the detained suspects were under the age of 35, reflecting a trend of greater

youth involvement in organised crime.

"Among the crimes uncovered, common tactics included 'romance baiting', in which criminals cultivate online relationships to manipulate victims into investing or transferring their money; investment and cryptocurrency scams, where perpetrators lure victims into fictitious financial schemes; and celebrity scams, which involve the

\$3m

impersonation of well-known figures to solicit money from fans. Three of the arrests were for sextortion, where the suspects were extorting money from victims to prevent the release of compromising or explicit material."

The statement also noted that exhibits including kilogrammes of cocaine, cannabis, guns and

Amotekun arrests two over al

Abiodun Nejo, Ado Ekiti

THE Ekiti State Amotekun Corps has arrested two siblings over alleged theft and collusion to sell stolen home property worth N15m.

The Head of Communications Department, Ekiti Amotekun corps, Abiodun Adeleye, said one

arrested around 1p.m on Saturday, January 8 over the incident.

Adeleye, in a statement in Ado Ekiti on Monday, said, "Amotekun operatives in Ado Local Government of Ekiti Central Senatorial Command arrested the suspect for engaging in the stealing of some home property, belonging to Hon. Babafemi Odunla.

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