Footballer hacked to death during training session in Lagos

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A footballer identified simply as Kamo has been hacked to death by unidentified assailants in the Ebute Meta area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident occurred on Thursday morning while the deceased was observing his routine training session at a popular local football ground known as "Centre Field".

It was gathered that the late Kamo, who is a goalkeeper for a grassroots team, B-Unit Football Club, had finished his morning drills when some male adults accosted him on his way home.

A resident who did not want his name mentioned in print while citing security reasons told our correspondent on Saturday that the attackers immediately descended on Kamo with dangerous weapons and left him with fatal cuts on his head.

He was, however, said to have succumbed to the injuries on the spot before help could arrive.

"He came to the field regularly and went home with some of his colleagues, but on this particular day, he left alone after the morning drill. He had just walked some metres away from the centre when some boys ambushed him and macheted him on the spot. This caused those around to run for safety, and before help could come, he had already died," the source narrated.

Meanwhile, there have been speculations that the incident could be cult-related due to past incidents of cult attacks in the area.

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"Some people had speculated that a rival cult gang attacked him, but I am not so sure about that. I understand this is because of the way he was killed, which was related to the incidents in the past. He is easy-going and he hardly caused trouble other than his football career and his side hustle."

He added that some members of the community had called on the police for more security surveillance in the community to forestall recurrence.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, could not be reached as calls made to his telephone were not answered. A text message sent to him had yet to be replied to as of the time this report was filed.

PUNCH Metro reported in April that a 16-year-old boy, identified simply as Mustapha, was killed by a stray bullet during a suspected cult clash in the community.

The incident occurred during a peace walk organised by some youths to address rising cult-related violence in the community.

It was gathered that the walk had just concluded when an argument broke out among them.

A resident, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, said the argument degenerated as a suspected cultist pulled out a firearm and shot indiscriminately, leading to Mustapha getting hit by a stray bullet.