

Group Accuses Police Of Extra Judicial Killing

A human rights group, Know your Rights International, has accused the Nigeria Police for extra judicial killings.

The group reiterated that the special anti-robbery squad of Ikeja Police Command should be held responsible for the extra judicial killing of late Mr. Ramoni Akintunde and illegal detention of Mr. Emeka Nweka, Oyeaka Ebelebe, Sunday Okeke, Ismaila Ibrahim and Nnamdi Anni over what it termed "cropped up charges of armed robbery."

In a statement signed by the president and leader of the organisation, Comrade Olusegun Adeeko, the group called on the Nigerian media and other concerned bodies to ensure that the death of the deceased was not in vain.

He said that "Knorights condemns the overzealousness of the special anti-robbery squad of Ikeja command for the extra judicial killing of late Mr. Ramoni Akintunde who was

badly tortured to death in SARS cell with a false charge of armed robbery."

The action, Adeeko asserted, is contradictory to Section 33 (1) of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which says "every person has right to life and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his life except in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of a criminal offence for which he has been found guilty in Nigeria."

It was gathered that the late Akintunde died on 7 November, 2010 from police torture.

Wife of the deceased, Mrs. Akintunde, claimed that her husband was in good health before his arrest and that she was not contacted until three days after her husband's death.

"He died on 7 November, but the news was kept from us till 9th when Inspector Sunday Isokpechi said he died in the hospital and his corpse had been deposited at the Ikorodu mortuary," she said.