

Tragedy hits Lagos Mobile Police Force

Armourer kills self, while servicing gun

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THE Mobile Police Force (MOPOL 20) Oduduwa Street, GRA, Ikeja, Lagos was thrown into mourning yesterday when an armourer, Inspector Medugu, shot himself dead while servicing AK-47 rifle. Another policeman was also injured in the tragedy.

Medugu, who is the second-in-command to Mopol 20 Squadrom Armourer, met his untimely death at about 9.45 am when the AK47 rifle he was servicing suddenly discharged bullets when the magazine seized.

Crime Watch Today gathered that the deceased had just parked his car when he received a call that a sergeant has brought a gun for servicing.

The Inspector had asked the sergeant whether there were bullets in the magazine which the sergeant confirmed. The armourer instructed that the man

should remove the magazine.

The sergeant told the armourer that it was because the magazine hooked and could not be pulled out,

prompting the gun being brought for servicing.

The Inspector started hitting the rifle with his bare hands and the gun exploded, shooting him on the neck

while another bullet hit the other victim on his back.

They were rushed to the General Hospital, Ikeja, but a few minutes later, the Inspector was confirmed dead, while the sergeant is still receiving treatment at the intensive care of the hospital.

At about 11am, when our reporter visited the Mobile unit at Oduduwa Street, GRA, Ikeja, policemen were in gloomy mood, discussing the incident.

A sergeant, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "I just saw Medugu parking his car. I greeted him, but I was shocked to hear after about five minutes that he mistakenly shot himself. As I was discussing with my colleagues, a phone call came that the man I just had a handshake with few minutes ago has died. Well, we still have another colleague in the hospital, we are praying that he will survive it. It will be too bad if we should lose two persons the same time."



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cer, Mr Ebere Amaraizu, in a statement yesterday said Mrs Ochepo was arrested based

Mrs Ochepo had in May this year approached the police commissioner to purchase a

property, making the commissioner to contact his lawyer, Juris Tanko, who instituted a