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Uniformed men torture, stab bizman to death

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LAGOS—Tragedy struck Weekend when a 31-year-old businessman, Chukwuma David Madu was allegedly tortured and stabbed to death along Badagry Expressway, Lagos by some uniformed men reportedly on training in Ogun state for a peace keeping mission in Darfur.

Vanguard learnt that the businessman who hails from Nanka, Anambra State was on his way from Alaba International Market, Ojo where he had gone to pick some items for his warehouse when he met his untimely death. Eyewitness account said that trouble started after the deceased who was driving in his own bus with two others was halted by a motorcyclist on mufti who claimed to be a soldier, on the allegation that he nearly hit him with his bus while on motion. It was gathered that efforts to deny the allegation by the deceased failed as the man descended on him while he was on steering and gave him several slaps on the cheek.

Reports said that while Chukwuma who recently wedded his new wife was trying to pacify the soldier, three other men on uniform came from nowhere and pulled him out from his car after which they subjected him to several rounds of beating and torture with their military belt. Sources said at this stage, the crowd that gathered at the scene were frantically pleading with the soldiers to temper justice with mercy but they rather threatened to descend on anybody that dared them.

One of the witnesses said that they subjected him to serious beating and torture in the full glare of members of the public for over thirty minutes after which they ordered him to frog jump. It was learnt

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that as the deceased tried painfully to bend down, one of the soldiers pulled out a dagger and plunged it into his back shoulder. The dagger reportedly pierced his heart and came out at his front shoulder with blood spewing all over the place. He reportedly died on the spot.

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