
Nigeria: 34-Year-Old Graduate Killed in Crossfire

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Operatives at the homicide unit of State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, Yaba, Lagos, are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the murder of a 34-year-old graduate, who was reportedly shot dead by hoodlums at Abule-Nla, Apapa Road, Ebute Metta, Lagos.

The victim, identified as Rotimi Egunjobi, from Ekiti State, while returning from work, was allegedly caught in crossfire between two warring factions in the area.

Vanguard learned that Rotimi just completed his National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, programme.

It was learned that police officers from Iponri Divisional Police Station, stormed the area after receiving intelligence report on the ongoing crisis in the area. The hoodlums took to their heels on sighting the officers.

One Idris Rilwane was arrested at the crime scene, but he denied knowledge of the crisis. Police also apprehended one Friday Onuwa, a member of the Tortoise Boys, a faction of the hoodlums terrorizing Abule-Nla and its environs.

Onuwa said: "I am a member of Tortoise Boys. I was not involved in the feud that killed him.

"On that fateful day, I went to Badagry to visit my mother. The leader of our group is Job Ojo, alias Kako."

Vanguard gathered that the case, which was transferred from Iponri Police Division to SCID, would soon be charged to court.

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