

Fulani herdsman stabs NURTW member to death in Ondo

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Akure—A commercial driver, Victor Ajisafe was reportedly stabbed to death by a suspected Fulani herdsman in Akure, Ondo State over a minor disagreement.



Consequently, the state Police Command has declared the suspect wanted.

The victim, who was 34 years old from Ondo town, is a prominent member of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW.

Sources said that the ugly incident happened last Sunday around Road Block, in Akure.

The suspect, whose name could not be ascertained before going to press, allegedly took to his heel after committing the crime.

Eyewitness account said: “It was one of the Fulani’s friends, named Usman Olaniyi that told the killer in his native language that Victor was abusing him. This annoyed the Fulani who drew his sword from the sheath.

“He started pursuing him around the garage and when he caught up with him, without hesitating, stabbed him viciously in the neck.”

The source added that Olaniyi was among those who rescued Victor and rushed him to a nearby hospital, where he died.”

Wife of the deceased, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Ajisafe said she could not fathom why her husband was “gruesomely murdered by the unknown Fulani man.”

She said she was at home at Ijapo Estate when her brother-in-law, Dapo asked her to join him at the State Specialist Hospital, Akure.

Ajisafe said: “It was my husband’s brother who informed me that one Fulani man stabbed my husband in the neck and was rushed to the hospital. When I got there, my in-laws and friends did not allow me to see him despite all my efforts.

“They later took me back home in their car under the guise that we should get money to take proper care of him. It was then they took me to my mother’s shop at Road Block that they broke the news that he was dead.”

Police confirm incident

Spokesperson of the Ondo Police Command, Mr. Femi Joseph, confirmed the death of the commercial driver.

Joseph noted that Usman had been arrested while his friend, the killer, was still at large.

The Command had begun a thorough investigation into the matter and vowed to arrest the culprit.

Joseph said that Usman, who fuelled the crisis would be charged to court if his friend could not be found.



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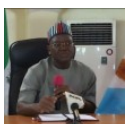
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