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Oshodi/Apapa traffic: Mobile policeman shoots man dead during argument over toll

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THERE was a stampede at Mile Two along the Apapa/Oshodi expressway, Lagos, yesterday, as protesting truck drivers blocked the ever-busy road, over the alleged killing of one of their own by a Mobile Policeman attached to the TaskForce set up by the Federal Government to manage the traffic situation along the axis.

This is just as an intern with Vanguard, Ameh Samuel, who was at the scene to report the incident, was beaten to a pulp by some soldiers attached to OP MESSA, 9 Brigade of the Nigerian Army.

How it happened

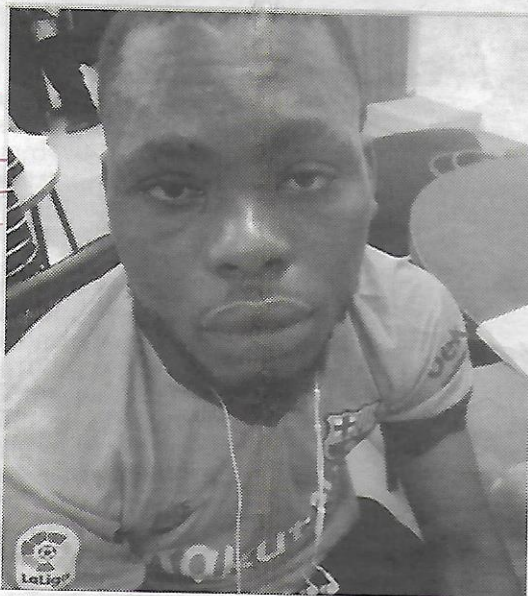
There were different accounts as to how the deceased with an unknown identity was killed.

An account said he was a motor park tout working for the task force team at Mile 2 Oke. His mission, as gathered, was to collect money from truck drivers, who preferred to jump the queue, to get their trucks loaded on time.

The use of miscreants was to avoid a direct link with truck drivers, owing to the uproar it had generated. A report had it that the Mobile policeman demanded the money the deceased had collected from some other drivers but that the latter denied collecting anything from them.

In the ensuing argument, the policeman was alleged to have fired the tout, killing him on the spot.

Another version of the account had it that two truck drivers had



Ameh Samuel and his battered back.



Scene of the incident.

one of them, a female, Miss Funmi Alagunde, pushed back to