

Alleged murder: Estate association urges IGP to probe activities in Zone 2 command

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STONEWATER Royal Estate Landlords and Tenants Association, SRELT, in Lagos State, has appealed to the Inspector General of Police and the Police authorities to investigate the activities of Section D8 men of the Police Zonal Command Headquarters, Zone 2, Onikan, Lagos, over their alleged refusal to investigate the murder of one Mr Ifeanyi Olebala, who allegedly died on February 22, 2021.

SRELT, through its lawyer, Bartholomew Aguegbodo, alleged that on February 22, 2021, at 1a.m., one Charles, who claimed that he works for one Mr Udoye Nwabike, as a bulldozer driver, drove a bulldozer within the estate towards a security building by the gate of SRELT, in Abule-Ado, Satellite town, Lagos, to demolish a structure, erected by SRELT.

He said there has been a prior contest over who owns the land, adding that the security men at the gate upon noticing the approaching bulldozer told the driver to stop, but he refused on the basis that he has the instruction of his master to demolish the structure.

He said: "The security men on duty had a heated verbal exchange with Charles (driver), who called two other employees of Nwabike, one of whom is the deceased to join him.

"The security men insisted that whatever would be done, should be in the day time and not at that late hour, noticing they couldn't continue with their plans, they left the bulldozer by the gate and left."

Aguegbodo alleged that at 8.a.m., of the same day, some area boys with two armed mobile policemen came into the estate and took the security men found at the security house after shooting sporadically, which caused other residents to run for safety.

He said: "The security men were taken to Trade Fair Police Division and later transferred to Festac Police Division, on February 24, 2021, after a petition by Nwabike, the matter was transferred to State SCIID, Panti Yaba, for further investigation.

"While the investigation was going on, Nwabike, further petitioned the Assistant Inspector General of Police, AIG, Zone 2 Command headquarters alleging bias on the part of the officer investigating the matter at Panti."