

# Policeman shoots truck driver dead in Lagos

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**L**AGOS—Tragedy struck Tuesday night at Ajiwe, in Shagole area of Ajah, Lagos, after a bullet from a policeman snuffed the life out of a truck driver identified as Gafar Braimoh.

There were different accounts of how the tragedy occurred. A version said late Braimoh met his end for refusing to part with some money to a team of policemen on patrol duty.

One of the policemen was said to have threatened to shoot and in his attempt to cock his rifle, a bullet that was mistakenly released hit Braimoh, who was inside the truck, killing him on the spot.

However, another version had it that the patrol team was raiding people selling fuel in jerricans in front of Ajiwe filling station. Attempts by the police team to impound the fuel of one of the black marketers met stiff resistance, as his colleagues clustered around the police team.

One of the policemen reportedly fired into the air to disperse youths, who attempted to attack the police team, to make way for their colleague's escape.

The deceased's brother, Muyideen, who spoke to *Vanguard*, said his family was told that "Policemen wanted to arrest those that were selling fuel by the roadside and they started shooting because they refused to allow them to impound their fuel.

"Unfortunately, my brother, who was coming out of SkyMall was hit by a stray bullet."

Father of the deceased, Mr Mustapher Braimoh, who was yet to come to terms with the reality of the tragedy, narrated in an emotionally laden voice how news of his son's death reached him.

According to the bereaved father, "I was at home last night (Tuesday night) when a group of young men rushed in to inform me that my son, Gafar, had been shot by the police.

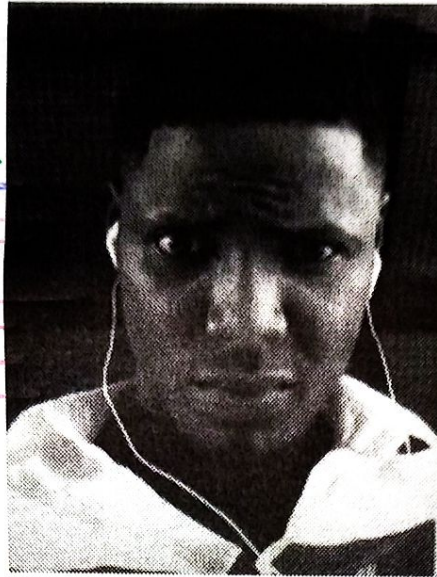
"As I speak to you, we are at the Ajiwe Police Station. The Police said they are investigating the incident."

CP Alabi orders arrest, detention of erring cop

Meanwhile, the policeman that fired the shot that snuffed the life out of the 31-year-old truck driver has been arrested. His identity could, however, not be ascertained at press time.

But *Vanguard* gathered that he is an Inspector. His arrest was effected on the directive of the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Police Command, CP Abiodun Alabi.

Confirming his arrest, the Command's spokesman, SP Benjamin Hudeniyin, said: "At about 11.30 pm of Tuesday, December 6, 2022, a shooting incident



Late Gafar Braimoh

involving men of Ajah Division, resulted in the unfortunate death of Gafaru Buraimoh of Happy Land Estate, Ajah.

"The officer behind the shooting, an Inspector of Police, was immediately disarmed and has been detained as a full-scale investigation has commenced.

"The Lagos State Police Command through the Area Commander, Elemoro and Divisional Police Officer, Ajah, has since notified and established contact with the family.

"The command, while commiserating with the family of the deceased over the avoidable and most unfortunate incident, gives assurances that the already commenced investigation into the immediate and remote circumstances leading to the shooting will be brought to a speedy and conclusive end, while equally ensuring that justice will be served."

## Ondo court remands man over rape of minor

By Dayo Johnson

**A**KURE—An Ondo State High Court, sitting in Akure, the state capital, has remanded a middle-aged man, Tunji Aborisade, in prison over the alleged rape of a nine-year girl.

The defendant, who was arraigned on two counts, pleaded not guilty to the charges levelled against him.

Aborisade, according to the Police Prosecutor, B. Olarewaju, allegedly committed the offence on February 21, 2022, at 10:00am at Police Secondary Barracks, Iju Itaogbolu, in Akure North area of the state.

Olarewaju told the court that the defendant unlawfully had sexual intercourse with the minor.

The offence committed, according to him contravenes section 31(1) and is punishable under section 31(2) of the Ondo State Child's Right Law, 2007.

The police prosecutor asked the court for an adjournment to assemble his witnesses.

The counsel to the defendant, Tolulope Adebisi, prayed the court to temper justice with mercy, while informing the court that his client was ready for trial.

In his ruling, Justice Yemi Fasanmi, after taking the plea of the defendant, ordered his remand at Olokuta correctional centre.

Fasanmi, thereafter, adjourned the case till January 31 and February 6 for trial."

In another development, an Ondo

Chief Magistrates' Court has ordered the remand of a 27-year-old man, Raymond Adegoke, in Segede correctional home, Ondo, for allegedly defrauding one Festus Benjamin of N1,700,000.

The defendant was charged to court on a count charge of obtaining money under false pretence.

Adegoke was alleged to have obtained N1,700,000 in four instalments from the complainant, under the false pretence of helping secure admission into the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), which he knew to be false.

Police prosecutor, Iyabo Omolara, said the defendant committed the offence sometime between September and October 2022, at about 11:30 am at Ondo in the Ondo Magisterial District.

## Germany arrests 2 coup-plotters

**G**ERMAN police, yesterday, arrested 25 people across the country on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government, BBC reports.

The report revealed that the suspects include soldiers and supporters of a far-right group, who allegedly sought to oust Olaf Scholz-led government through a coup.

The raids took place across Germany to abort the suspects' scheme to install a prince who had sought support from Russia as a national leader based on the federal