

2 Soldier who chased attacker into Kwara forest found dead

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A soldier was found dead after chasing an unknown assailant into the bush in Twatagi village, Patigi Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The incident reportedly occurred around 5.30pm, on October 21, 2025.

The deceased, identified as Private Usman Alhaji, who was attached to Apapa, Lagos, rode on

a motorcycle with one Muhammad Baba, a native of Twatagi.

Sources said the duo were on their way to Patigi town when they encountered a man walking along the roadside with a stick.

As they rode past, the man reportedly suddenly attacked them, hitting them with a stick before taking to his heels into the nearby forest.

The deceased, who was said to have immediately

pursued the attacker on foot, later failed to return.

Subsequent searches by his companion (Baba) failed to yield any result.

However, villagers discovered his lifeless body inside the forest around noon on Wednesday, with a stab wound to his neck, according to security analyst Zagazola Makama.

A vigilante commander, Captain Gina Gana, told Daily Trust on Thursday that the body was recovered

on Wednesday.

According to him, the soldier was alone at the time of the attack, adding that it was an avoidable situation.

Police spokeswoman in the State, SP Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi, confirmed the development to our correspondent on Thursday evening.

According to her, "The soldier chased the suspected assailant into the forest but failed to return."

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