

Again, Mob Lynches 2 In Kaduna



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The Kaduna State Police Command has arrested six suspects over the mob killing of two travellers at Gidan Kalu village in Birnin Yero Local Government Area of the state.

The victims, identified as Muhammadu Sani, 45, and Aliyu Mohammed, 40, both from Umar Village in Igabi Local Government Area, were reportedly travelling on a motorcycle to Tudun Wada, Zaria, to visit a sick relative when the incident occurred on July 1, 2026.

According to the police, the victims were passing through Gidan Kalu village, a few kilometres from Maraban Jos, when some residents became suspicious after seeing them riding a new motorcycle and began shouting “thieves.”

Fearing for their safety, the two men reportedly abandoned the motorcycle and fled. However, they were chased by an angry mob, who allegedly ignored their explanations that they were not criminals.

The police said some of the attackers even knew the victims, but they were nevertheless beaten and lynched.

The command said operatives from the Birnin Yero Division swiftly responded after receiving a report of the incident and arrested Abdullahi Mukailu Kigo and five others in connection with the killing.

Police said the suspects had confessed to their roles in the crime and are currently in custody, while investigations are ongoing to identify and arrest other persons involved.

Condemning the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Rabi'u Muhammad, described the mob action as barbaric and vowed that all those found culpable, regardless of their status, would be prosecuted.

He warned members of the public against taking the law into their own hands, stressing that anyone involved in jungle justice would be arrested and made to face the full weight of the law.

The commissioner reminded residents that every suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law and urged members of the public to report suspected criminals to the police or other security agencies for proper investigation and prosecution.

The latest incident happened weeks after Malama Ummulkhair, an Islamiyya school teacher, was lynched and burnt by a mob on a false accusation of child stealing in Maraban Jos, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The incident occurred on June 21, 2026.

Some residents had accused Ummukhair, a mother of four, of attempting to steal children while on her way to attend an Islamic lecture on Sunday afternoon.

The allegation quickly spread, drawing a large crowd that attacked her before security operatives intervened and took her into protective custody at a nearby police station.

However, the situation later escalated as hundreds of angry youths and residents reportedly besieged the police station and demanded she be handed over to them. It was learnt that despite efforts by security personnel to restore order, the mob eventually overpowered the officers and set her ablaze.

The Kaduna State Police Command later arraigned 24 suspects before a Magistrate Court in Kaduna over the mob killing following investigations into the incident.

The magistrate ordered that all the suspects be remanded in a correctional facility pending the determination of the case and adjourned the case until July 21, 2026, for further hearing.