

Yobe River Guard Dies After Assailants Throw Him Into River, Police Begin Investigation

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A 40-year-old man, Musa Mohammed, has died after being allegedly attacked and thrown into a river by unknown assailants in the Bursari Local Government Area of Yobe State.

Residents of Girim Village, Ya'u Gambo and Adamu Muhammad, told Zagazola Makama, a security and counterinsurgency expert that the incident occurred at about 8:00 a.m. on January 19, when the victim, who was employed to guard the village river, was confronted by some unidentified persons who held his hands and forcefully held Musa Mohammed, tied his hands and legs, and threw him into the river.

A month earlier, according to Makama, "the deceased had a misunderstanding with five men from Dadigar Village in Bursari LGA, who allegedly warned him to stop guarding the river or face consequences.

Upon receiving the report, security operatives visited the scene and evacuated the victim from the river in an unconscious state.

"He was rushed to the Specialist Hospital in Gashua, where a medical doctor later confirmed him dead," the sources said.

Photographs of the deceased were taken, and his remains were released to his relatives for burial according to Islamic rites.

Musa Mohammed was from Burburwa Village via Mayori in Yusufari Local Government Area of the state.

An investigation into the incident has commenced to identify and apprehend those responsible for the killing.