

Bring my sister's killers to justice – Brother

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*Yahaya Musa, younger brother of the late 37-year-old nurse Hadiza Musa, tells **AYOOLA OLASUPO** how 'one-chance' robbers pushed his sister from a speeding tricycle, leading to her death, and shares his family's plea for justice*

What is your relationship with the late Hadiza?

I am a nurse and the younger brother of Hadiza, who was tragically killed by robbers.

How old was she?

She was 37 years old, married, and with three children. She worked as a nurse at Gambo Sawaba General Hospital, Kofan Gayan, Zaria, Kaduna State.

Can you recall the incident that led to her death?

Around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 19, 2025, my younger sister, who lived with Hadiza in Zaria, called me to say that Hadiza had not returned home since Saturday. We were told she had visited an Islamic chemist at Filin Mallawa to buy medicine.

Her husband, who works in Abuja, was also contacted. We explained that we had been unable to reach Hadiza, as her phone was switched off and she had not returned home. He then called a friend, an officer with the Federal Road Safety Corps, to check for any accident reports in the area. The officer confirmed that some victims had been taken to Ahmadu Bello Teaching Hospital, Shika, and asked me to go there.

Since I also work at the teaching hospital, I contacted my colleagues in the emergency unit to see if any accident victim matching her description had been admitted, but they said no. Later, when her body arrived at the mortuary, I confirmed her identity through a photo sent by my colleagues.

According to witnesses, Hadiza had passed through Kofar Doka to Dan Magaji on her way home. The area is usually quiet. We learnt that robbers pushed her out of a moving Keke Napep. A Good Samaritan at the scene rushed her to Kauran Wali Zaria Primary Health Centre, but she died on arrival. Her identification and belongings, including her ATM card and phone, were taken by the robbers, which is why her body was initially unidentifiable. A medical examination revealed no head injury, only bruises on her chest caused by the fall.

Can you remember the last conversation you had with her?

The last time I spoke with her was on Friday at 9 p.m. via phone. My elder brother also chatted with her on Saturday around 6:31 p.m., and she said she was on her way home and would call back. My younger sister called her again around 6:35 p.m. while she was trying to stop a Keke Napep. By about 7:05 p.m., her phone was switched off. This indicates that the incident occurred between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The robbers stole her phone, but we were able to retrieve the box containing the IMEI number. We plan to track it, but we need police assistance to do so.

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Hadiza

What do you miss most about Hadiza?

Hadiza was more than just a sister. We lost our father nine years ago and our mother three years ago. Since then, she has taken on the role of a mother for all of us, representing our mother in everything she does. We always looked up to her as our second mother.

How is the family coping with the loss?

We have left everything to Almighty God. We rely on Him for strength because we do not know our fate or direction. We trust in His guidance.

Did you report the case to the police?

Yes, a few days ago we reached out to the police, but they said there were no suspects yet. They are still investigating, and we have not received any updates.

How has her death changed your perspective on safety and public transport?

I've become much more cautious. A few days ago, while using the Queen Amina Flyover, before entering a Keke Napep, I carefully examined the faces of the driver and passengers because of what happened to my sister.

What kind of justice do you want for your sister?

We need justice. We want the Kaduna State Government to investigate and bring the culprits to book. We believe the perpetrators may be Muslims, as the area is predominantly Muslim, so we hope Sharia Law- an eye for an eye, will be applied. It states that if a person kills another, the criminal should also face the legally recognised punishment. That is what we want.

Do you have confidence that justice will be served?

Sincerely, we have little confidence because the authorities' response has been very poor. People are talking about this incident on social media, yet the police claim they haven't reached out to the State Police Command's public relations officer. With such an attitude, we cannot rely on them. That is why we are asking the state government to take over this case. We need justice for our dear sister.