

11 murder suspects arrested for Bauchi man's death

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Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Sani-Omolori Aliyu. Photo: Police

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No fewer than 11 suspects have been arrested by the Bauchi State Police Command over the alleged brutal murder of a 29-year-old man, Ahmad Lawan.

The spokesperson for the command, CSP Ahmed Wakil, disclosed this in a statement issued on Monday, adding that efforts were ongoing to apprehend other fleeing suspects.

According to Wakil, those arrested include Abdulwahab Adamu, 25; Nuruddeen Idris, 21; Kabiru Saidu, 25; Ibrahim Hamza, 22; and Abdullahi Isah, 21.

Others are Abdulrasheed Garba, 25; Abdulwahab Abubakar, 25; Kabiru Muhammad, 27; Musa Abdullahi, 24; Umar Muhammad, 25; and Umar Ali, 27.

Giving details of the incident, the police spokesperson disclosed that the deceased was stabbed in the chest by two suspects who fled immediately after the attack.

The statement read, “On October 2, 2025, at about 0825 hrs, a case of culpable homicide was reported at D Divisional Police Headquarters by a good Samaritan.

“The report revealed that two individuals went to the residence of one Ahmad Lawan, male, aged 29 years, a.k.a. Soje, of Sabon Kasuwa, an alleged renowned Sara-suka member.

“They knocked on his door, and upon his response, they stabbed him in the chest region and fled to an unknown location.”

Wakil noted that the operatives attached to D’ Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer, CSP Mubarak Sani Baba, “swiftly mobilised to the scene and evacuated the victim to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi, where he was unfortunately confirmed dead by a medical doctor.”

He added that the corpse was released to the family for burial in accordance with Islamic rites.

According to the preliminary investigation, the police identified Abubakar Ibrahim, a.k.a. Duduwa, and Abubakar Mohammed as the prime suspects.

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Following Lawan's burial, Wakil said a group of angry youths launched a reprisal attack by setting fire to the family house of one of the suspects.

"However, a combined team of operatives from the Rapid Response Squad, Operation Restore Peace, and the D' Division responded promptly to prevent further escalation," he stated.

The police further revealed that one of the main suspects, Abubakar Ibrahim (Duduwa), who initially fled, was later sighted roaming around Mararraban Liman-Katagum and apprehended by quasi-security members.

"While transporting the suspect to the police station, they were intercepted by irate youths at Kwanar Kwaila, where the suspect was attacked with cutlasses. As a result, he sustained fractures to both hands and a deep cut on his head," Wakil disclosed.

He added that police operatives responded swiftly to rescue the suspect, disperse the hostile crowd, and evacuate him to ATBUTH for medical treatment.

The statement noted that all suspects were undergoing a thorough investigation to determine their level of involvement.

Wakil quoted the Commissioner of Police, CP Sani-Omolori Aliyu, as warning parents and community leaders to caution their wards against being used to disrupt public peace.

"The command will not dawdle to decisively deal with any person or group who deliberately causes a breakdown of law and order in whatever manner. Those in violation will be arrested and made to face the full wrath of the law," Aliyu warned.

He further stated that tactical teams had been deployed strategically across the state to ensure strict enforcement of law and order.

It would be recalled that, according to a PUNCH Metro report in 2024, the command made similar arrests following the gruesome murder of one Adamu Alkasim in the Bayan Gari area of Bauchi.

Two suspects, Usman Shehu, 20, and Abdullahi Abubakar, 19, were arrested at the time for "criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide."