

Two arrested over Oyo labourer's death

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The Oyo State Police Command has arrested two suspects, Lateef Giwa and Adediran Quazim, over the alleged murder of a site labourer, Abdulraheem Koni, in Budo Mosalasi Village, Saki area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a statement issued on Thursday by the command's spokesperson, Olayinka Ayanlade, that the arrests followed credible intelligence on the incident.

Ayanlade said the incident began when Giwa, who employed the deceased as a labourer, engaged in an argument with him while working at a construction site.

He noted that the disagreement escalated, during which Giwa and Quazim allegedly assaulted Koni, inflicting serious injuries on him.

The police spokesperson said the victim was rushed to the hospital for medical attention but later died from the injuries sustained during the attack.

He said, "Preliminary findings indicate that Giwa was the employer of the deceased, Abdulraheem Koni. During work, a dispute arose between the two, which escalated into a physical altercation.

"Giwa and his accomplice, Adediran Quazim, allegedly assaulted the victim, resulting in bruises and other injuries on his body.

"The victim later succumbed to the injuries sustained, prompting the Command to take immediate action to investigate the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice."

Ayanlade added that an examination of the deceased confirmed the severity of the injuries, necessitating a detailed investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident, including possible conspiracy.

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He disclosed that the suspects, during interrogation, allegedly confessed to their roles in the incident.

He said, "Following the report, an intelligence-led investigation revealed that the two suspects were directly responsible for the crime, leading to their prompt arrest.

"The suspects, identified as Lateef Giwa, male, 35 years, and Adediran Quazim, have made useful confessions detailing their involvement in the killing of Abdulraheem Koni, male, 20 years, a bricklayer and labourer.

“In line with standard investigative procedure, the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State Command, CP Femi Haruna, has directed that the case be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for comprehensive investigation.”

The police spokesperson urged members of the public to continue providing useful information to assist law enforcement agencies in crime prevention and detection.

This is not the first suspected murder case recorded in Oyo State this year.

On January 14, PUNCH Metro reported that a 35-year-old hunter, Waheed Rasaki, was arrested for allegedly shooting his co-hunter, Femi Oyedepo, dead in Ibadan.

Ayanlade had said the incident occurred on January 7 at Oretan Ijaiye area of Moniya in Akinyele Local Government Area of the state.