

Assailants kill Niger PoS operator in Minna

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Some yet-to-be-identified assailants have killed a 30-year-old Point of Sale operator, Aliyu Musa, in Minna, Niger State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the attackers forced their way into Musa's residence in the "T Mama" area of the state capital early Monday morning.

According to reports, the assailants rejected offers of large sums of money and pleas from the victim, reportedly saying, "We are here just to kill you." Musa was first stabbed in the stomach before being repeatedly attacked with a machete.

Neighbours rushed to his aid after hearing his cries for help, but were unable to apprehend the attackers. They initially took Musa to the Tudun-Wada Police Station and later to the Minna General Hospital, where he died before receiving medical attention.

The deceased's elder brother, Malam Ibrahim Kolo, confirmed the incident to *PUNCH Metro*, saying the remains of his sibling were buried at the Muslim burial ground at 10 a.m. on Monday.

"It is very sad and pathetic. I believe my brother's killers will surely be arrested and brought to justice," Kolo said.

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The Niger State Police Command spokesman, Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the attack on Tuesday, noting that the assailants fled before officers arrived at the scene.

He said, "On March 2026, at about 3 a.m., we received a report of a suspected culpable homicide around the Mandela area of Minna. Our patrol team from Tudun-Wada Division moved to the scene, but the assailants had already escaped.

"The victim, identified as Aliyu Musa, 34 years old, a POS operator, was attacked by two suspects. Examination revealed he was shot in the chest and sustained a machete cut to the head.

"During the attack, the victim and his wife raised an alarm, which attracted neighbours, but the suspects escaped, and nothing was stolen from the house. Exhibits recovered include an iron cutter used to gain entry through the window and a cutlass."

Abiodun added that Musa was taken to Minna General Hospital, where he was confirmed dead. The police are investigating the incident, and efforts to apprehend the attackers are ongoing.