

Jungle justice: Man slaughtered at police post

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THE Amlai Paswal family in Billiri local government area of Gombe state has called on the Inspector General of Police to ensure that justice takes its course in the brutal murder of its member, husband and father of two, Mr. Wukure Amlai Paswal.

According to Mr. Emmanuel Amlai, brother of the deceased, his brother was brutalised to death with machetes at the police post, Rimin Zayan, while giving a statement to the police over a motor accident in which he knocked down a young girl that attempted to cross the road suddenly without due care.

Narrating the ordeal to newsmen in Gombe over the weekend, Mr. Amlai explained that on December 19, 2007, at about noon, late Wukure Amlai Paswal was returning from Jos with his wife and two children in a Nissan Sunny saloon car on his way to Billiri.

On approaching Rimin Zayan, a village in Bauchi state, there were two vehicles in his front. Reaching Rimin Zayan and after the two vehicles had passed, a young girl, from nowhere suddenly

appeared on the middle of the road and was accidentally knocked down by the late Amlai.

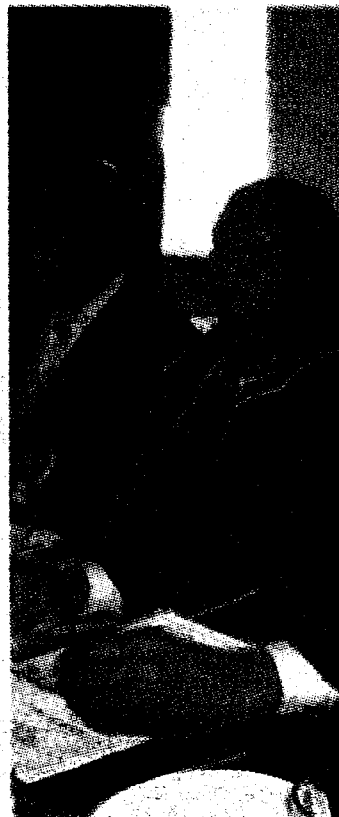
It was gathered that a mob rose against him, and sensing the danger in which his life was exposed to, the victim attempted to drive to a roadblock located about three kilometers away from the village.

He explained further that the mob, in about four or more vehicles, overtook and blocked the way of the late Amlai. His attempt to explain the incident was bluffed as they descended on him with sticks and started beating him.

According to Mr. Amlai, the mob dragged their victim to the police post and handed him over to a policeman on duty. But few minutes later and while the late Amlai was writing his statement, the mob resurfaced with machetes and knives and killed him.

The police officer on duty escaped through the window while the police post was destroyed. Mrs. Sarah Paswal explained that when a team of anti-riot policemen arrived from Jos, she stopped and pleaded with them to intervene, but they refused and drove away.

The anti riot-policemen had hardly left the scene when the mob returned and set the car ablaze. A good Samaritan, who sensed the danger picked the wife of the victim and her two children and dropped them off at Nabordo village.



ANNIVERSARY... (L-r) Executive Dir Mrs. Joke Giwa, Executive Director Sp Akanmu during the 10th anniversary day.