

## Armed robbers kill ex-Citizen staff in Abuja

Over four armed men yesterday broke into the residence of the Secretary to the National Economic Intelligence Committee, Ibrahim Dzukogi, in the Maitama district of Abuja, killing one of his guests. The deceased, Adamu Jibrin, also known as "Long Journey,"

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was shot thrice by the robbers who, according to witnesses, tried to prevent them from entering the guest house using a broken center table.

Adamu Jibrin was a staff of the now-defunct *Citizen* newsmagazine.

One of the witnesses, a seasoned journalist and *Daily Trust* columnist,

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Mohammed Haruna, who was staying in the guest room, said that he heard a loud bang at about 2:00am yesterday morning and later heard people struggling before finally hearing three gunshots. "I was in the next room, scared stiff when I heard what must have been three gunshots," Haruna said.

He said the robbers had earlier struggled to break into the guest room the deceased was sleeping in but could not gain access to it before they left to the main house after killing Jibrin. He however added that some neighbours alerted the police who responded immediately even though they did not meet the robbers at the scene of the incident.

Another friend of the deceased, Mohammed Ndaliman, who was also in the same room

when the incident happened, revealed that the deceased was shot the first time the robbers broke into the guest house.

He said that they arrived Abuja after a wedding ceremony in Kaduna state and that they were planning to leave for Kaduna today after concluding their business in the capital city.

Giving a vivid account of what happened in the guest room, Ndaliman said that the deceased went to the toilet to ease himself and shortly after he went to bed, he heard the robbers trying to break down the door of the room and he (the deceased) tried to prevent them using broken pieces of wood by attaching them to the door handle.

He however said that when the robbers gained entrance into the room, they shot him and left for the main house. Ndaliman said before they came the second time, he pleaded with the deceased to leave the robbers alone and not be confrontational.

"I warned him to leave the robbers alone because they will come back to the room again and he told me that they have already shot him. They came back the second time, overpowered and shot him dead," Ndaliman added.

While the robbers were trying to gain entrance into the room, the deceased was reciting prayers and when they succeeded in gaining entrance into the house, they could be heard asking him "You want to die," before they finally shot him, according to Ndaliman.

After the robbers killed Jibrin, they reportedly broke into other rooms in the guest house and said they were searching for foreign exchange. They proceeded to the main building, beat up a houseboy and two others in the process of ransacking the unoccupied house.

The police arrived at the scene and when *Daily Trust* asked them some questions, they said they were investigating the incident.