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Chinese man kills co-worker in Abuja

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A Chinese man allegedly pushed his fellow national to his death from atop a hill on the edge of the capital city, Abuja. Witnesses said Ji Jingyun and Chen Zhiqing, who were employees of a mining company were both working on a quarry site in Mpape, about seven kilometres north of the city centre, when they engaged in a heated argument in Chinese.

A witness, who preferred not to be named, said at a point Jingyun pushed Zhiqing backward and as he came down his head hit a boulder and that he died of his injuries instantly.

As the deceased lost his balance, he tried to hold on to a third Chinese man who was trying to intervene in the quarrel and the two came down together, the witness said.

"While on top of the rock, the two men could not agree on an issue which resulted to a heated argument and in the process Jingyun pushed Zhiqing who held another Chinese compatriot to avoid falling from the rock but unfortunately both Zhiqing and the other man came down," he said.

The other man sustained serious injuries and was later rushed to the hospital for treatment. The company had since flown the remains of the deceased and the injured man to China. The Police Public Relations Officer in Abuja Moshod Jimoh said the incident was reported to the police three hours later when Jingyun had fled.

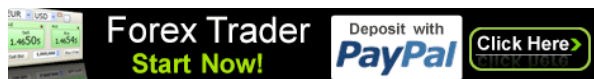
"Policemen went after him and after several hours of search in the undulating area, they could not find. Police are hunting for him and assured he will be arrested," he said.

He said the police have met with the officials of the quarry firm with a view to tracing the suspect. "His travel documents were confiscated by the police and the Nigeria Immigration Service was notified," he said.

He said the matter has been transferred to Criminal Investigation Department.

In a letter to the police, the company had promised N100, 000 reward for any one that could provide information that could lead to his arrest, adding that some people said they saw him eating groundnut in the bush.

The letter said the Company is looking for one of its officials (Jingyun) who could not be found for four days. He is 5 feet tall, slim and was wearing Nigeria Army colour T-Shirt at the time he last seen.



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