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Gunmen kill ATBU lecturer in Bauchi

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Unknown gunmen yesterday shot and killed a 45-year-old Senior Lecturer with the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU) in Bauchi, Suleiman Abubakar. Police Public Relations Officer ASP Mohammed Barau who confirmed incident said: "The killers of the lecturer will soon be apprehended because Bauchi State Police Command has commenced investigations into the crime." He added that nobody has been linked to the killing yet, as no trace was left behind by the assassins.

The PPRO said: "For now we cannot link his assassination to anybody and so we are not going to limit our investigations. We will use all the clues available to us until we get to the root of the assassination. Late Suleiman, before his death, was an Examination Officer and this makes it more complicated."

A neighbor of the assassinated lecturer who did not want his name in to be mentioned narrated that late Suleiman Abubakar was killed at the entrance of his residence in Federal Low-Cost Housing Estate by six people who he said came in an unregistered Honda car at about 9pm.

He added that the slain lecturer was in the company of one of his younger brothers with whom he just arrived from a journey. The neighbour added that, "when his younger brother came out from the car to open the gate, the assailants seized him and when they discovered that it was the wrong person they went to the car dragged him (Suleiman) out of the car and shot him in his stomach and left. He was rushed to the ATBU Teaching Hospital where he later died."

The Public Relations Department of the University through its Officer, Zailani Bappah confirmed the story saying that it came to the University Community as a rude shock because according to him, "Suleiman was an easy going person who minded only his academic business and does not mix easily with people."

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