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Vigilante, police accused of killing Fulani man at Kwali

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Residents of Kwali yesterday accused a joint police, vigilante group of killing a 23-year-old Fulani man, Abubakar Lawal Yalle, in the early hours of Sunday, at a poultry farm along Pai junction in the area council.

They also decried the manner in which a local gun was planted on the man's corpse in order to show that he was killed in a gun duel with the police.

A witness alleged that a vigilante member called Naboro, invaded the farm and shot Yalle to death on his chest at 5:32 am.

He said the vigilante member was accompanied in the invasion by five policemen from Kwali Police Station, adding that they killed Yalle because they thought he was an armed robber.

The man told our reporter that the deceased was a cattle rearer, who camped near the poultry farm with one of his brothers.

According to him, the cows Yalle was rearing were making noise that morning and he along with his brother went to find out the problem, when they were sighted by one of the vigilante member in company of five policemen, who attempted to arrest them.

He said the elder brother of the deceased fled, while they caught Yalle and shot him to death, adding that after the killing, the policemen hurriedly left the poultry.

Another witness said the victim's father and wife were immediately alerted, while he was being conveyed to the hospital, when the police came back to carry the corpse, after claiming he was a robbery suspect, who was killed while exchanging fire with them.

The father of the deceased is a staff of the poultry farm and people staying close to the place, including the Sarkin Fulani in the area all described the deceased as innocent.

A member of the deceased person's family frowned at how policemen took the corpse to their police station and planted a gun on it in order to take pictures that were sent to the FCT Police Command.

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