



## Nigeria: Telecom Engineer's Wife - How Gunmen Killed My Hubby

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Kano — Last Sunday night will forever remain in the memory of Hajia Rabi Ahmad, because it was the day unknown gunmen shattered her married life by killing her husband.

The gunmen had trailed 43-year-old Engineer Ahmad Ishaq, North-West Regional Manager of Airtel Telecommunications Company, to his residence at Janbulo Quarters in Kano city at 8 pm and rained bullets on his body.

Narrating her last moment with her husband and how he was killed, Hajia Rabi, who was the deceased person's senior wife, said he had earlier called her at around 4:30pm on that fateful day to inform her that he was at Kwanar Dawaki and will return home as soon as he finishes what he was doing.

She said at about five minutes to 8pm, her husband blared his car horn to announce his return home and alighted from the vehicle to open the gate.

"The children on hearing their father's car horn ran out to welcome him, but as soon as they got out, I saw them rushing back into the house and they told me that some gunmen who came in a tricycle had ordered their father to lie down on the ground," she said.

Hajia Rabi said she was surprised and ignored the pleading of her frightened children to stay indoors by going outside to seek for assistances from neighbours.

After getting outside, the woman said she realized there was nothing she could do, because one of the gunmen was ordered to shoot her husband and from a distance, she heard the voice of her husband reciting Kalimatush Shahada.

"I took cover behind a car, watched as one of the gunmen, probably their leader ordered that my husband be shot and one of them shot him twice. Then the man who gave the order also fired two more shots on his body. He was shot four times in the head and rib region," she narrated.

According to her, the attackers were four and after the killing; the leader commanded one Isyaku to enter her husband's Toyota Corolla car and take it away, while the other three boarded the tricycle and left the area.

She said after they left, she raised an alarm for neighbours to rescue her husband and many people rushed to the scene, while the victim was taken to a hospital still breathing, but was confirmed dead on reaching there.

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