



HOW 2 SUSPECTED SUGARCANE THIEVES WERE SLAUGHTERED AT ASO

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If Nura Adamu, a 20-year old furniture maker, and Jibrin Adamu, a mechanic of the same age knew they would meet their tragic end that day, they wouldn't have gone on a trip to the stream near a village called Juwako at Aso 'C' in Karu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State recently.

Investigations revealed that the duo, whom hail from Kontagora in Magama Local Government Area of Niger State met their untimely death when they visited Juwako village on Sunday September 15, 2013 for relaxation and sightseeing. They were allegedly slaughtered then secretly buried by their assailants after being accused of stealing sugarcane from a farm in the area.

Findings reveal that after the killing and burying of the victims, their motorbike was allegedly seized, taken to Juwako village from the scene of the incident and set ablaze by the same unidentified persons who killed them.

Our reporter learnt from residents that the victims have been using the sugarcane farm as their base each time they came to the village. They allegedly smoked, cut and ate the farmer's sugarcane "as if they were the owners of the farm," residents said.

One of the residents, who craved anonymity told our reporter, "If you go there, you can see it. They have a point where they make fire and smoke, the chaffs of the sugarcane they have been eating are still there. People have been complaining about their behavior."

The resident hinted that the alleged unruly behavior of the victims might have angered their unknown killers, who attacked them on the farm. They were stabbed, beheaded and then secretly buried.

A resident, however said the killing was sad. "Even if they were thieves, the people shouldn't have killed them. They should have taken them to the police. What was found where the boys usually sat were just two short stalks of sugarcane."

Concerned relatives, who noticed the unusual absence of the duo were said to have raised an alarm and afterwards sent out a search party into the village after finding out that they had visited it earlier.

It was learnt that the search took them to the spot where they were killed where visible signs of blood and foot prints could still be seen. This led them to the shallow grave

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where the bodies were deposited at a farm located near Gbagalape, a village close to Nyanya in the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Abuja.

Elder brother of the victims (name withheld) expressed horror on what happened. "The boys went there for tourism, I don't know why the people did that to them. If you see their bodies, the way they were stabbed and slaughtered, you will shiver. Even animals are not treated that way. Animals are slaughtered from the front, but the boys were slaughtered from behind, their heads totally removed from their bodies but they were buried together in separate graves."

He said the search team discovered that the two separate graves were covered with shrubs to hide their presence.

Our reporter found out that the incident was reported at the Gbagalape Police Post, and then transferred to Nyanya Police Station, from where some policemen were detailed to conduct proper checks at the scene of the incident.

He said following the application for the remains of the victims by their parents, the bodies were released to them by the police and buried according to Islamic rites.

Aso Chronicle also learnt that two suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder.

Commenting on the incident, the village head of Gbagalape, Mr. Kenneth Chindo Rabo, condemned the action of the killers saying "I have never seen this kind of thing in our land, our people don't do this."

He added that even if the victims were caught with 'bundles of sugarcane' the law should have been allowed to take its due course.

Attempts to get the reaction of the Chief of Aso 'C' was abortive as he was said to be attending a meeting at a nearby village when our reporter visited his palace.

Sources at the Gbagalape Police Post confirmed the incident, but referred our reporter to Nyanya Police Station.

At Nyanya Police Station, a reliable source confirmed the incident and told our reporter that the case has been moved to the Police Headquarters because of its dire nature.

However when our reporter contacted the FCT Police spokesperson, Hyelhira Altine Daniel, Deputy Superintendent, she said she was not aware of the incident and that the relevant officer she would have confirmed the case from was not available.

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