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Our correspondent, who visited the area yesterday, gathered that the incident occurred between 5.30p.m and 6.00 p.m on Friday.

The reason for the action had not been fully established.

The gang, Sunday Trust gathered, beat the deceased till he became unconscious and used a knife to cut the right side of his stomach, causing a lot of bleeding which led to his death.

An eyewitness, Malam Muhammad Lawal while narrating the incident said, "around 5:30-6:00 p.m, I came to that area to see my children and give them a sallah token 'Goron Sallah'. I saw the late Salisu on his motorcycle and he said he was going to carry his wife. He got married about four months ago.

"He had just gone around a corner when he was ambushed by five young men who came in a motor car. So, he (the deceased) tried to drive through them on his motorcycle. But they started abusing him. Then he stopped and asked them why they were abusing. I noticed that one woman standing at the spot where the deceased was also standing, was beckoning him to leave the place. But it's like death was calling him. When I saw the action by the woman, I went back to the house.

"Three minutes after I entered the house, I heard the woman shouting. So, I came out running and I saw Salisu on the floor covered in blood. I touched his heart and discovered that he was dead. I brought out my phone, called some of the neighbors and told them what happened. We succeeded in apprehending three of the suspects," he said.

When asked if the young men were from their village, he said, "no, they were from Rigachikun, a neighboring village, The deceased was not a troublesome person. I have never seen him fighting with anyone and I don't know what is between him and the young men who killed him."

The Danmasanin Dankande, Ibrahim Yakubu called on security agencies to find a lasting solution to the incessant killings in the area.

Yakubu recalled that "two years ago, youths from the same village killed a young man named Yahaya because of a girl friend", expressing regrets that suspects caught were later released by the police.

He called on the government to do something before the situation got out of hand.

Both the mother and wife of the deceased were too traumatized to speak with our correspondent. But his sister Zuwaira Sai'du said it was a very shocking experience for her and their family.

She described the deceased an easy going person who did not like trouble in any way.

"We want the people that killed him to be killed as well. We will never forgive them because we are also orphans. The blood he lost should be replenished by killing the people that took my younger brother's life," she said in tears.

When contacted, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Adenike, confirmed the incident saying, "all the suspects have been apprehended."

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