

HOW TEENAGER KILLED EX-LG BOSS IN KATSINA - POLICE



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The former chairman of Ingawa Local Government Area of Katsina State Alhaji Isma'ila Magaji was murdered by a 17-year-old teenager, the Police in Katsina State have said.

Abba Lawal Shehu of Daura Local Government Area is currently in police custody waiting to be arraigned before a court for murder, the state Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Muhammad D. Hurdi told a press briefing on Thursday. Magaji's throat was slit by his assailants at his Barhin Housing Estate's residence in Katsina metropolis.

Hurdi said, during interrogation, that the accused confessed that he killed the former chairman to end the 'affair' that existed between the two of them.

He said: "Shehu told us that when the deceased invited him to Katsina, he bought a knife and some drugs in Daura before leaving for Katsina to meet the deceased. He purchased N100 worth of drugs and took them all before he proceeded to Katsina to execute his mission."

The police commissioner said Shehu was the only suspect arrested by the police in connection with the murder, adding that when the police showed the suspect the knife he used in attacking the deceased, he collapsed and fainted.

"We had to rush him to the hospital to resuscitate him. After regaining his consciousness, he told us why and how he killed the former chairman," Hurdi said.

According to the CP, the accused had informed the police that he attacked the deceased because he was tired of his relationship with him and that he had failed to fulfill pledges he made to him. He said "the boy said the deceased had promised to secure him admission but failed to do so."

The commissioner said police had completed investigation into the case and that the boy would be charged to court for culpable homicide. He noted that police had recovered the knife that was used by the boy in attacking the deceased and two mobile phones belonging to the former chairman.

Similarly, 20 persons had been arrested by the police in connection with the murder of Alhaji Danbaffa of Musawa Local Government Area. The police commissioner said late Danbaffa and three of his children were killed on October 13, 2013 by some armed men at Unguwar-Gara in Musawa Local Government Area.

He said the assailants about 30 of them attacked Danbaffa's compound at Dajin Barura. Most of those arrested, he added, had confessed to killing Danbaffa on the information that his son was among the culprits who attacked one Alhaji Dayyabu. He said the case is under investigation.

He also said in Kankia Local Government two suspected armed robbers, Sada Halilu (20) and Garba Barau (28) had been arrested in an encounter between their 10-man gang and the police on patrol around Kafin-Soli road. Two dane guns, a machete, two knives, a motorcycle, a GSM mobile phone and two torch lights were recovered from them.

Four suspected cattle rustlers had also been arrested in Sabuwa and Charanchi Local Government Areas of the state, he said, adding that "three were arrested in Charanchi and one in Sabuwa respectively. We are investigating the cases and the suspects would be charged to court as soon as we finished our investigations."

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