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Confusion as gunmen kill cyclist in Abuja village



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Residents of Kigbe, an Abuja village, were on Sunday night, thrown into confusion after a middle-aged man on motorcycle was allegedly killed by suspected gunmen who laid ambush for him in the area.

Kigbe is located in Kwali Area Council, some kilometres away from Kwali town.

A witness said the incident happened around 9: 21 p.m. when the gunmen, suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, emerged from the bush with cutlasses and descended on the

He said the cyclist, who was a petty trader, had left Kwaku market on his motorcycle on his way to Kwaita, adding that the gunmen targeted him few meters away from Kigbe and hacked him with cutlass.

The witness said the hoodlums made away with his motorcycle and an undisclosed sum of money they found on him.

According to him, a resident of the locality saw the victim lying in a pool of blood and quickly raised an alarm.

"The man rushed back to the village to inform vigilantes, who took him to a clinic at Kwaku but he died on the way due to loss of blood," he said.

The witness further narrated how some robbers, in the early hours of that same day, attacked traders who were on their way to Kwaku market at an uncompleted bridge near Yanbabu village, on the Kwaita-Yebu road.

He said the robbers flagged down two vehicles that were conveying the traders and dispossessed them of their monies and other valuables at gunpoint before they fled

When contacted, Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Philip Eguweme, said he was not aware of the two incidents but that he would find out from his men if a report was made at the station.

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