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MOTORCYCLIST STABBED TO DEATH AT ABAJI



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A commercial motorcycle rider has been stabbed to death by suspected motorcycle thieves, who he carried as passengers at Naharati community in Abaji Area Council of the FCT.

A witness said the incident happened when one of the passengers, whose the deceased was conveying to Naharati village, few meters away from Abaji town, removed knife and stabbed him on the neck.

He said the two people took the motorcycle as passengers at a popular roundabout in Abaji and asked the cyclist to convey them to Naharati close to Local Education Authority (LEA) office. The witness said as soon as the cyclist approached the place, one of the suspected motorcycle thieves removed knife and hacked him to death.

"They pretended to be passengers when they stopped the Okada man and asked him to take them to Naharati but while approaching the place, one of them removed a knife, over powered the cyclist and stabbed him on the neck," he said.

He said a security man, who was attracted by the shouts of the deceased, flashed a torch light which forced the suspected motorcycle thieves took to their heels but were later arrested by the police.

Our reporter gathered that the corpse of the motorcyclist was discovered the following day close to his motorcycle near a bush in the area.

Sources at the community said policemen later came to the scene to remove the corpse with the motorcycle.

City News further learnt that some angry mobs, who are mostly Okada riders besieged the police station demanding that the arrested suspects be handed over to them for jungle justice but were dispersed with teargas by the police.

Abaji Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. James Idachaba, confirmed the incident, saying two suspects have been arrested and have confessed to the crime.

He said the suspects have already been transferred to the FCT Special Anti-Robbery Squad, adding that the remains of the cyclist which was later identified, has been handed over to his relatives for burial.

Abaji and its suburbs have witnessed cases of motorcycle theft since last year December as another motorcycle rider was in January this year stabbed to death and his motorcycle was taken away along Agyana road in Abaji community.

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