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## Man beaten to death at Utako village

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A 28-year-old resident of Utako village in Abuja, Mustapha Rabi'u, was confirmed dead at the Garki Police Clinic after a neighbour allegedly hit him with a stick over what a police source described as minor argument early yesterday.

According to the police source, the two men were having elongated arguments over a minor incident and they started fighting, alleging that the other man repeatedly hit the deceased with stick and he started bleeding from the nose before he eventually collapsed.

The source said that neighbours ran to Utako police division and informed the police that someone had collapsed while being beaten by his neighbour.

"The distress call was received around 3:30a.m., and the police patrol team rushed to the scene and discovered that the deceased sustained terrible injuries as a result of the beating. The suspect was immediately arrested while the deceased was rushed to different hospitals but there was no doctor to attend to him. He was taken to the police clinic at Garki, where he was confirmed dead," the police source said.

When contacted, the Utako Divisional Police Officer, Chief Superintendent Umar K. Usman, confirmed the incident and stated that the police tried everything within its powers to save the life of the deceased but because of the ongoing doctors' strike, no help was rendered.

The police chief said that the corpse was released to the relatives for burial because public mortuaries or preservative centers, where his corpse could have been kept were off because of the strike.

He also said that his death was caused by the beating he got from the suspect and that he bled from the nose.

The Divisional Police Officer said that the suspect would be charged to court and urged residents to live harmoniously with each other.

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