

Nigeria: Assailants Kill Landlord At Mararaba

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A landlord said to be in his mid-30s was brutally murdered by unknown persons at Kabayi in Mararaba near Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) recently.

Investigations revealed that the victim, Mr Timothy Likita, an indigene of Nasarawa State, was attacked and beaten to death by his killers in the wee hours of that fateful day in the neighbourhood where he lived alone, but owned some buildings occupied by tenants.

Findings showed that the assailants, who are believed to be cultists, after accomplishing their mission, ran to unknown destination, leaving residents of the area in panic and confusion.

Our reporter gathered that after the incident, the area was deserted by residents for fear of police arrests while the lifeless body of Mr Likita was abandoned at the scene.

Residents, who would not want to be named, told City News that it took the intervention of a concerned resident, who reported the incident to the Chief of Kabayi, who subsequently informed the Mararaba chief about the ugly incident.

Our reporter learnt that the chief of Mararaba then alerted the police and a team of detectives was detailed to evacuate the corpse, which was deposited at the morgue at Mararaba Medical Centre after post mortem examination.

A source at the Mararaba 'A' Division Police Station, who pleaded anonymity confirmed the incident and told City News that it was a case of sudden and unnatural death which is still under investigation.

The source said the killers of the man were yet to be found while maintaining that no stone will be left unturned to unravel the circumstances surrounding the killing.

The source further disclosed that the corpse has been released to the parents of the deceased for burial based on their application.

Similarly, two persons were recently killed by suspected cultists in New Nyanya, a neighbouring settlement of Mararaba in Karu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

A source at the New Nyanya police station confirmed the incident and said cultism among teenagers and the youths in their 20s was on the increase in the area.

The source warned parents and guardians to properly monitor the activities of their children or wards to avoid falling victim.

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