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# How Kano man was strangled to death over N40,000

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When Hamisu Mijinyawa, a grain dealer, persuaded his childhood friend Muzammil Hamisu (Dan Asabe) to invest in his business by buying locust beans to resell, the friend had no inkling that the deal would lead to his death. Convinced by his friend's advice, Dan Asabe decided to give him the N40,000 he had saved from carpentry work to buy the commodity on his behalf.

But three months after the transaction, Dan Asabe could not get the commodity or his money from his friend and all efforts to do so proved abortive. This was the genesis of the problem that led to Dan Asabe's death.

Dan Asabe's mother, Maryam Hamisu, said on the fateful day that her son disappeared, he had informed her that his friend Hamisu had eventually asked him to go and collect his locust beans after three months. "It was in the night, so he told me goodnight and left, and I also dressed up and left for a wedding in the neighbourhood. When I returned home it was very late so I did not care to check if he was back," she said.

In the morning, she went to her son's room, saw his bedding folded and she began to wonder where he had gone to at that early hour. "I asked his brother where he had gone and he told me Dan Asabe did not sleep in the room. That was when I became afraid. I rushed to inform his uncle, and from then we started to looking for him. We could

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not get any information about him until after 12 days when it was confirmed to us that he was killed.”


Maryam said: “After three days of searching, we decided to call Hamisu and ask him. He told us that though they had gone to a nearby village that night, he had dropped him at a junction and since then they have not met. After seven days, we called him again but he denied knowing anything.” She said after fruitless efforts, they resorted to seeking divine assistance. “We visited Malams both here and in Borno and Niger Republic. I spent all that I had to pay them. To some of them I would give up to N20,000 and at the end God decided to expose the suspect by forcing him to speak out.”






Daily Trust learnt that the suspect, while quarrelling with another person, threatened to deal with him as he had dealt with Dan Asabe. Hearing such statement from him made the other person to go and tell Dan Asabe’s parents. “We did not hesitate to inform the police what we heard, and Hamisu was arrested and interrogated. In the end he confessed to killing my son by strangling him. When he took the police to the site where he had stashed the corpse, it had already decomposed and they had to evacuate it with a shovel to re-bury,” recounted Dan Asabe’s mother.

Dan Asabe is said to have trusted his friend so much so that when his mother cautioned him about giving out the money, he said his friend would never defraud him. He grew up as a hardworking and obedient youth and lost his father four years ago. Since then, he has been fending for his mother and other siblings from his carpentry work. He had bought many bags of cement to start building his own house where he hoped to marry and raise a family. “Dan Asabe’s life was spent between his workshop, the mosque and the Islamiyya where he was teaching. He was never idle. I hope justice will be served,” said a relative called Binta.

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Musa Majia, confirmed the incident and said the suspect is in custody and has confessed to the crime. “He will be charged to court as soon as investigation is complete,” he said.




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