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Two stab friend to death in Abaji

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Two friends, whose names could not be obtained by our reporter, allegedly stabbed one of their friends, simply identified as Taye, to death on Thursday in Abaji town of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A resident of the area, who preferred anonymity, said the two suspects allegedly invited the deceased to a shop in the area, but a misunderstanding ensued and one of them brought out a dagger and stabbed him.

He said Taye's corpse was abandoned in a locked shop,

and nobody knew about it until neighbours started perceiving bad odour. He added that when the shop door was forcefully opened, the remains of Taye were already decomposing.

"In fact, the incident happened on Thursday, and by Saturday, the decomposing body had polluted the whole area. It was the bad odour that made neighbours to suspect that something must have gone wrong," he said.

Our reporter learnt that one of the suspects, who owns a veterinary drugs shop escaped when the police arrived the scene; but he submitted himself to the police when his

mother was arrested.

City News gathered that the deceased, who was later buried at Anguwar Abattoir, was alleged to be a member of a gang of kidnappers which specialises in invading herders' camps to kidnap Fulani children and demand for ransom.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the area, Mr. Sulu Gambari, were not successful as his phone could not connect.

When contacted via telephone, the Commissioner of Police, FCT command, Mr. Wilson Inalegwu, confirmed the incident.

He said the two suspects rode on the deceased's motorcycle to a Fulani camp at a neighbouring Gulu village in Niger State to kidnap a Fulani boy; but luck ran out on them as some vigilantes went after them and they fled and abandoned the motorcycle.

"The man who was killed was also a member of their gang. It was his motorcycle they used for the operation; hence he threatened to expose them if they failed to produce it. That was why they invited him and stabbed him to death inside the shop. But thank God the two suspects have been arrested and they have confessed," he said.