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Displaced person killed in Borno IDP camp

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A 23-year-old displaced person was yesterday morning found killed near buildings sheltering Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) situated within the Ali Monguno Teachers Village (AMTV) housing estate in Maiduguri, Borno State capital.

The deceased, Baa-Ardu Mala, was said to have been contacted last on phone around 10:00 pm on Wednesday night by his elder brother, Mohammed Mala.

"We were even together last night (Wednesday), and when I returned home to sleep, our mother asked me about him and I told her he was outside and would be home soon; and immediately, I fell asleep and he never came back.

According to him, in the morning, a search party found his lifeless body with his head severed and one eye removed.

He alleged that the perpetrators might be living within their camp, saying since the security personnel are only at the gates, the killers could use the opportunity to commit crimes at night and come back to sleep.

"When we were protesting inside the camp, a man came claiming that he heard about the killers and when we were conveying the corpse, another person was just brought in and said that he was the killer. And immediately, soldiers arrested him," he said.

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When contacted, the Information Coordinator of the "Operation Lafiya Dole" Col. Mustapha Anka referred newsmen to the Police at the camp but were not accessible at the time of filing this report.

However, the Borno State Governor, Kashim Shettima in a statement by his spokesman, Isa Gusau, said he is disturbed by the incident and has ordered immediate investigations by the police.

He said the victim's body was not found beheaded. "The victim was found tied with bruises on his head apparently resulting from hits."

The Executive Chairman of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency, Engineer Garba Satomi informed Governor Shettima yesterday that the police has arrested a displaced person in connection with the the attack and that more suspects where being trailed.



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