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How teen was killed by vigilante in Kaduna

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Late Zakariya Adamu

A 14-year-old Junior Secondary School (JSS) student of Government Secondary School Kargi Tudun Wada, Kaduna, has allegedly been killed by a local vigilante known as "Yan Kato da Gora".

Zakariya Adamu was said to have been arrested by the vigilantes who were mostly youths at Government Girls Secondary School Unguwar Ma'azu around 4pm on Monday.

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An eye witness who pleaded anonymity told Daily Trust that the vigilante group were operating in the community to help fight crime in the area when the incident occurred.

Late Adamu's elder brother, Baba Adamu, alleged that his brother was tied with a rope and tortured to death by the group. He narrated that Zakariya only went to the school to play when they arrested him and took him away to their office at Unguwar Ma'azu and that when he received a call from another younger brother that Zakariya had been arrested by Kato da Gora, he went straight to their office to see him. "I saw him on the floor with his hands tied with a rope. He was just there motionless as if he was sleeping. Few minutes later their commander came and asked what happened to the boy and the members of the group I met at the office told him that they beat him up," he said.

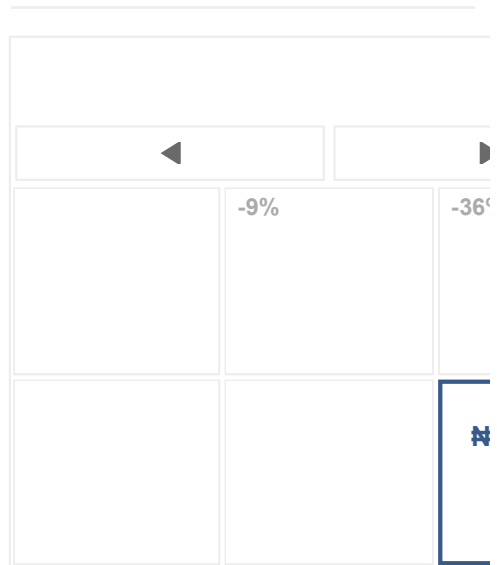
Baba Adamu further added that his late brother was confirmed dead after being rushed to a private hospital called Al-Amin by the group when all efforts to resuscitate him in their office failed.

The brother appealed to Police Authority and Governor Nasir El-Rufai to come to their rescue by ensuring that those involved in the killing face the law.

Police Spokesman, DSP Zubairu Abubakar confirmed the incident, adding that three suspects have been arrested.

He revealed that according to the suspects, they arrested late Zakariya when a mob gathered in a place near Day Bola in Ungwan Mu'azu. "Three suspects, including Abdullahi Mohammed, 28, Ismail Usman, 27, and Lawal Yau, 28, have been arrested in connection with the death," Abubakar said.

He noted that investigation is ongoing, adding that the suspects will be charged to court after the investigation is over.



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