

Police parade envoy's killer, others


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Police in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) yesterday paraded the alleged killer of a former Nigerian Ambassador to South Africa, Sunday Yusuf.

Abubakar Yau was paraded with 38 other suspects arrested for various offences including kidnapping, armed robbery and murder.

The FCT Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Mustapha, while parading the suspects, said Abubakar Yau confessed killing Ambassador Yusuf and stealing N200,000 from him.

He said: "Some items identified as belonging to the deceased were also found on him. He finally confessed committing the crime alone. He is a scavenger, roughened and certainly living a life of crime. He gave the police useful information and will soon be arraigned for prosecution," Mustapha said.

Yau told newsmen that the ambassador fell off the window seal where he was hiding when he broke into the house at about 2:00 am.

"I went there to steal, there was nobody there except the man, I checked inside the whole house, there was nobody. I only searched the house and got N200,000. I'm a scavenger, I just went there to steal," he said.

However, police sources close to the investigation told Daily Trust that the suspect most likely pushed the ambassador who fell in a manner that shattered his skull. He noted that the gory nature of the wounds indicated that the fall was not only an attempt to escape.

He also said five suspected kidnappers were among the 39 suspects paraded. They include; Ifeanyi Paul, Echo Chukwuemeka, Mathew Obi, Hussein Abdullahi and Musa Lawan.

Mustapha said they kidnapped a woman in Abuja and were arrested in Zamfara

State after chase from Kaduna where they collected N7 million as ransom to release the victim.

Okechukwu Emeka, Ugorji Maranatha and Momoh Jimoh were also paraded with a new pump action gun and 16 live cartridges, a walkie-talkie, three laptops and the original documents of a house.