

Tricycle rider lynched in Minna

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A middle-aged tricycle rider identified as Bashir was said to have been killed by angry mob who accused him of stealing a motorcycle in Tunga area of Minna, Niger State.

Witnesses said Bashir was chased by motorcycle riders from Tunga to his house in Dutsen Kura Gwari where he was killed.

One of the neighbours, who identified himself as Abubakar, said: "Bashir left the house as he does every day to search

for his daily bread when this happened.

"All we saw was that he was chased to this place in Dutsen Kura Gwari and killed. Bashir was murdered in cold blood."

Another neighbour, Idris Umar, said everyone in the area knew Bashir as a good boy.

"Bashir is a good boy, I've never known him with any record of bad character. It is unfortunate that his side of the story could not be heard since he has been killed. We do not really know what happened. We only heard from those who killed him that he stole a

motorcycle, but we didn't see the motorcycle he stole."

The spokesman of the state police command, Abiodun Wasiu, confirmed the incident.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased was accused of theft of motorcycle. Meanwhile, further investigation into the incident is ongoing with a view to arrest the perpetrators, while the members of the public are hereby warned to desist from any act of jungle justice as the command will not condoned self-help approach to justice," he said.