Man lynched for attempting to steal baby in Niger IDP camp

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A 30-year-old man identified as Abbas Musa has been beaten to death by youths in Gwada, Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, for attempting to abduct a three-year-old boy from an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp.
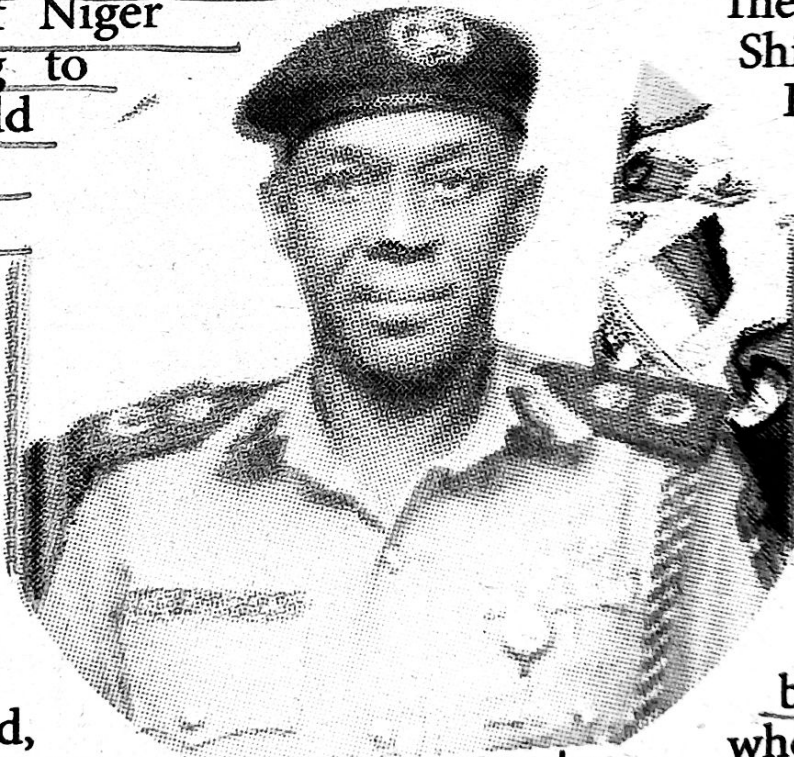
The police spokesman in the state, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident but said the abduction was outside the camp.

DSP Abiodun said, "One Abbas Musa, aged 30, of Sha-Kwana, Zumba,

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was lynched by a mob. The suspect was found in possession of a baby suspected to have been stolen from Jaga-Jaga area of Gwada, and not in an IDP camp as speculated."

The Chairman of Shiroro LGA, Suleiman Dauda Chukuba, also confirmed the incident.

A source at the speculated IDP camp in Gwada who spoke in confidence told *Daily Trust* that the man, dressed as a woman, was attempting taking the boy out of the camp when a woman noticed him and raised alarm.