

# Islamic cleric killed in 5 Gombe robbery attack

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An Islamic cleric, Sheikh Ibrahim H. Musa, was killed in the early hours of yesterday by alleged armed robbers, during a robbery incident at his residence in the Tabra area of Gombe Southern Bypass.

Neighbours of the late cleric, popularly known as 'Albanin Kuri,' said the armed robbers fatally stabbed the deceased during a scuffle after they invaded his house to rob him of his belongings.

According to them, the assailants stormed the house carrying knives and cutlasses, where they stabbed him severally after he refused to allow them take his money and other belongings.

Gombe State Police Command's Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Mahid Mu'azu Abubakar confirmed the incident.

He said the armed robbers overpowered and killed the Islamic cleric when he declined to give them money.

ASP Abubakar added that the Commissioner

of Police, Oqua Etim, has directed thorough investigation on the circumstances surrounding the incident.

*Daily Trust* reports that remains of the deceased were buried at the Bajoga Road Burial Ground, after a funeral prayer attended by thousands of mourners, held at the Bolari Izala Jumu'at Mosque.

Meanwhile, Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, has condemned the act, which he said has shaken the sense of security and prevailing peace people of the state have been enjoying.

Governor Yahaya, who attended the funeral prayer of the cleric, prayed Almighty Allah to accept his shahadah and grant him Aljannat Firdaus, and also pledged to bring the perpetrators of the heinous crime to justice.

"The entire state mourns the loss of this scholar and preacher whose teachings and guidance have touched the lives of our people. His demise will be deeply felt by all, and his legacy will forever inspire the people," he said.