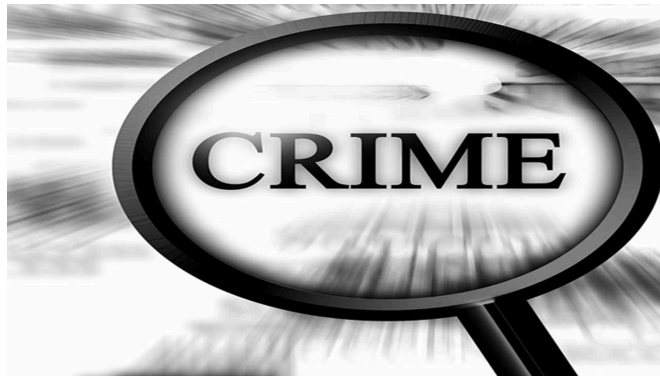


Hoodlums Kill Cyclist, Dump Corpse At River Bank



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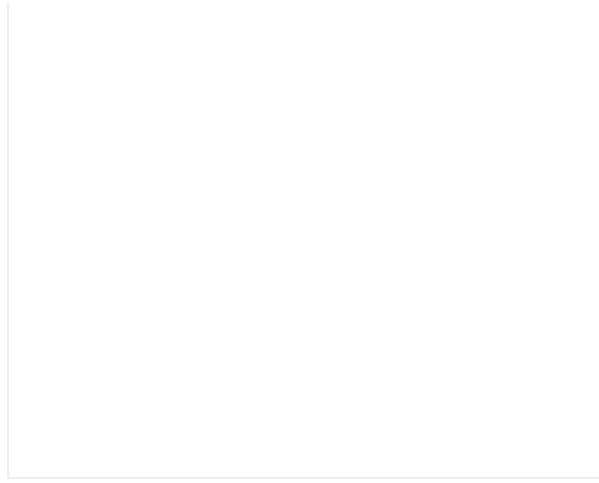


Suspected hoodlums have reportedly stabbed a commercial cyclist identified as Yahuza to death and dumped his corpse at a river bank in Bako village, Kwali Area Council of the FCT, before escaping with his motorcycle.

A resident of Bako village, Yasmin Abdullahi, said the incident happened on Saturday around 9:43 pm.



The cyclist had picked up two young men from Dagiri, who asked to be taken to the Bako forest area.



Abdullahi said the suspects lured the cyclist by offering him a sum of N4,000 and claiming they were security guards protecting a government building near the forest.

The cyclist's corpse was discovered by vigilantes who had gone to the forest to dislodge hoodlums who frequently use the location to smoke Indian hemp (cannabis).

“And you know there is this big bush which links from Gwagwalada to Bako forest where most of these youngsters including hoodlums always go to smoke hemp,” Abdullahi explained.

He added, “So, it was when the vigilantes went to the forest in order to dislodge people that always hang around the forest when the cyclist's corpse was found close to the river.”



Abdullahi added that the vigilantes alerted security operatives who visited the scene and recovered the body.

The cyclist was later identified as a resident of Unguwar Dodo in Gwagwalada, and his colleagues came to evacuate the corpse to the morgue at Kwali hospital.

A member of the vigilante group, Dantani Ismaila, also confirmed the incident, stating that the hoodlums escaped with the deceased's motorcycle after stabbing him.

A police source at the Kwali division, who preferred to remain anonymous, confirmed the incident, saying the police are investigating the matter.

He also lamented the activities of hoodlums who go to the forest to smoke cannabis, adding that the police have consistently raided the place and made arrests.