

# How Motorcycle Operator Killed, Buried Another Motorcycle Operator

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An armed robbery suspect, Isah Hassan allegedly confessed how he killed and buried a 21-year-old motorcycle operator, Mohammed Baba, after dispossessing him of his motorcycle and other valuables.

Prior to the incident, it was revealed that Baba plied the Bida-Minna routes in Niger State with his motorcycle.

It was further gathered that before the arrest of Isah by the operatives of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Response Squad led by Abba Kyari, a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), family members of Baba had received a telephone call from somebody who allegedly pretended to be a policeman. The call, according to sources, was made on October 11, 2018, informing them that their ward, who had been missing for 24 hours, was arrested for hitting a police van with his motorcycle and that he was detained at the 'A' Police Division, Bida.

On their way to the station, it was gathered, that they were accosted by one Isah Hassan, who identified himself as the policeman handling the case and he demanded that the Baba's relatives should handover the original copies of his motorcycle documents to him so he could use them in verifying if Baba's motorcycle wasn't a stolen one.

But his relatives insisted on seeing Baba first, before they would hand over his motorcycle documents to the supposed policeman.

After several persuasions, according to the source, Hassan asked Baba's relatives to go and come back the next day as his boss, who had key to the cell where Baba was detained wasn't around.

They were said to have agreed, but when they return the next day and called Hassan, he told them that he had been deployed to Lagos State, after which, his phone line went dead and became unreachable.

Baba's relatives were said to be in confusion, when it became clear that Hassan wasn't a policeman and

the police authorities in Niger state also confirmed that none of its men arrested a motorcyclist known as Mohammed Baba.

They were said to have visited some other police commands outside Niger State where it turned out that none of it had records of Baba been arrested.

It was revealed that in January 2019, Baba's relatives wrote a petition to the new Inspector General of Police, Moahammed Adamu, detailing all they knew about Baba's disappearance.

The IGP was in turn said to have directed his operatives at the IRT, to investigate and unravel the mystery surrounding the disappearance.

Sources disclosed that a crack team of operatives trailed and arrested the owner of the phone number which Hassan had used in communicating with Baba's relatives, where it also turned out that the owner of the phone was also a victim to Hassan's alleged criminal activities.

The sources explained that the victim who narrated how Hassan

robbed him of his phone and motorcycle also provided information which aided the operatives in apprehending Hassan in Bida capital of Niger State.

IRT source hinted that Hassan was said to have confessed killing Baba and burying his corpse in a bush before stealing his mobile phone and his motorcycle.

The source added that Hassan took the operatives to the shallow grave where he buried Baba remains.

On further interrogation, Hassan, who is a native of Goga village in Bida was said to have confessed that his inability to pay up his debts made him go into the crime.

The 33-year-old man, who is married with two children, allegedly explained to the police that he was a truck driver working with a haulage company based in Minna Niger State and was earning N18,000 monthly, but he ran into debts when he sold a motorcycle he bought on hire purchase and making payments on installments at Idi-Ara area of Lagos State, when one of his children fell sick.

He was quoted as saying: "Some time last year I had a little problem at my place of work and I started riding motorcycle, in Lagos State. One of my friends Yahaya, who I meet in Idi-Araba area of Lagos, stood as a guarantor for me and a man who sells motorcycles on installments, gave me a bike for N10,000 weekly and I paid for six times when my child fell sick. I approached my guarantor and told him about the situation, but there was nothing he could do, then I took the motorcycle away, sold and used the money to treat my child in the village. Later on, I got another haulage job and I thought I would work and make enough money to pay back the man whose bike I sold to treat my child, but the job did go the way I planned. There was this other man in my village who I was owing the sum of N80,000. He started threatening to arrest me with the police, if I don't pay him his money. His threats became too much then I relocated out of the village with my family and I got an accommodation in Bida Town."