

Armed Robbers Kill NCE Student, Injure Others

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Suspected armed robbers in Dingyadi Village of Bodinga local government, Sokoto State shot dead a 25-year-old student of the Shehu Shagari College of Education, and inflicted bullet wounds on other youths at the weekend, authorities have confirmed.

Bodinga is about 25km away from the main city of the Seat of the Caliphate. The incident left many wondering at the degree of repeated cases of suspected armed robberies lately in the state.

The hoodlums, according to sources, targeted the newly built residence of the Secretary, Sokoto State Universal Basic Education Board, Alhaji Ibrahim Haliru, but were disappointed that he was yet to move into the edifice and, as such, they could not get anything as expected.

On their way back and filled with the disappointment, the armed robbers opened fire at the vigilante group who manned the road and killed one Mudashiru Tambari on the spot while others sustained various degrees of injury.

Confirming the death, the father of the deceased, a former member of Sokoto State House of Assembly under NPN from 1979-1983, Alhaji Tambari Ardon-Dingyadi, said his son had already been buried according to Islamic rites in Dingyadi town.

While speaking in a grief-laden voice, Alhaji Tambari said the hoodlums, numbering about 10, had visited the house of the SUBEB secretary, his younger brother, but could not steal anything and so they went on rampage.

"Probably infuriated by their misfortune, the hoodlums shot sporadically at the vigilante group, which mounted checkpoints at the entry intersection of the town.

"They just opened fire on them while the vigilantes, including my late son, fled into nearby farms. They killed my son on the spot, while another youth was injured but he is responding to treatment at home now," he said.

Sokoto State police command's Public Relations Officer, DSP. Al-Mustapha Sani, confirmed the story, saying investigations had commenced.

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