

# Man Stabbed To Death At Utako Village

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Residents and indigenes of Utako Village in Utako District of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were thrown into confusion and mourning on Thursday evening at about 7pm, when a teenage Hausa boy stabbed a 27-year-old man, an indigene of the community to death.

The indigenes who refused to sleep throughout the night, because of the painful and dastardly act, took to the streets to protest the gruesome murder of the young man, who was an indigene of the FCT, demanding for justice and calling on the FCT ad-

ministration to map out ways of ending teenage criminality in the territory.

The aggrieved residents who took the protest march through the ever popular busy Jabi express way, down to Utako Police Station, carried leaves as a sign of peace and prevented vehicles from moving freely, as a sign of expression of their anger over the gruesome murder of one of their own.

Madaki Musa, father of the deceased, said the incident occurred on Thursday evening after he returned from the Mosque and saw his son engaged in an augment

with four young men who were not indigenes of the community, he appealed to them to peacefully resolve the issue. Not knowing that they had ulterior motives, he left them, and the next information that reached him was the report that his son had been stabbed to death.

"I do not remember my son having previous quarrel with them, apart from when the issue of those young boys came up that they rape young girls in the Primary school across the road. So, when the report came to the elders, the boys were called to the Chief's palace, and they were

punished, the same boy that stabbed my son, came back to the palace and told the elders that they should also call the young girls in the primary school to order, if not they will not stop raping them.

"My son, that was stabbed, tried to caution them that they had no right to come to the community and speak to the elders in a disrespectful manner. That was when they threaten him to watch his back and that was all. We never expected that it will get to this level, that the young boys were capable of killing him," he lamented.

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