



The late Shinkafi

How Sokoto Police Killed My Son, Disposed Corpse – Shinkafi

There is no doubt to the fact that, "Our society finds truth too strong a medicine to digest undiluted. In its purest form, truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder. It is a howling reproach" said Ted Koppel.

The sudden demise of Yahaya Shehu Shinkafi in the hands of the Sokoto Police could not be any farther from the reality of what Ted Koppel asserted.

Though, Walter Cronkite affirmed that, "Our job is to hold the mirror...to tell and show the public what has happened"

But with certain miseries, except with a living testimony, fathoming the certainty of perpetrators would be a matter of mere suspicion. However, his friend Bashar Dahiru testified to the alleged brutal killing of Yahaya Shinkafi by the Police in Sabon Brini local government of Sokoto State.

Narrating the incident to LEADRRSHIP Friday, Bashar Dahiru said they were on their way to Teke Market on that fateful Sunday before they were stopped by the Police and asked us to alight from the vehicles on grounds that they were suspected to be drug addicts.

"We were on our way to Teke market before the Police stopped us on the way, and we stopped for them. They now asked us to come down on grounds that they suspected us to be drug addicts. The Police gripped my friend and me but he escaped their grip and ran away."

"Shortly after my friend escaped, the Police asked the driver of the vehicle to go and leave us there. And he actually left us. The Police now said they were going to take us away. But before then, they asked if I had anybody and I replied yes. I sent for one of my masters to be called for me but he was

not around."

"After then, the Police pulled off my shirt and used it to tie my hands at the back. They also pulled off my trouser and used same to tie my legs and told me that since I had nobody to come and vouch for me, I should wait for their next line of action."

"While I was still tied down, the Police asked me again if there was any other person that could come to rescue me and I answered that we should wait for a while to see. As we were waiting, the Police saw my friend that escaped. They then asked me to lie down there in the bush, saying they would free me as soon as they arrested him and I said okay. After that, they left me where I was tied with the supervision of two Mobile Police Officers."

"One of the Police officers, came from behind and they both entered into their vehicle and zoomed off to the market. Those staying behind called one of their colleagues who had driven to the market, telling them that my friend entered into a vehicle that was carrying cows."

"The Police then drove back and stopped that vehicle that was carrying cows. Immediately they stopped, one of the Police officers, who was called from the market, instantly alighted in front of the vehicle carrying cows at the middle of the road."

"The Police officer gripped my friend again but he was able to escape and ran into one nearby millet farm. Those officers guarding me then said they should go and help the other one who re-arrested my friend saying he was about to escape again."

"One of the Police officers instantly climbed a motorcycle and left to assist his colleague."

"After he reached the place, the Police officers chased my friend into the millet

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