

Phone Snatchers Kill Woman In Gombe

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Suspected thugs who specialise in snatching people's phones in Gombe State on Friday night killed a 58-year-old woman, Aishatu Abdullahi, at her residence in Jeka Da Fari area of the state capital.

The thugs were said to have broken into the woman's house at about 9:45pm and stabbed her in the process of robbing her of the phone, leading to her death.

A few months ago, Kalare thugs raided the house of a popular Islamic preacher, Sheikh Albani Kuri, to snatch his phones and later murdered him when he reportedly refused to hand over the phones to them.

The Gombe State police command expressed anger at the crime and pledged to do everything to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The command in a press release issued by the spokesman, Mahid Muazu

Abubakar yesterday said they had launched an investigation into the incident.

"We urge anyone with information that could help us in our investigation to come forward," he said.

The command also urged residents of the state to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity or individual to the police.

Governor Inuwa Yahaya has condemned the murder.

In a statement by his spokesman Isma'ila Uba

Misilli, the governor directed security operatives to track down the culprits.

"I want to make it abundantly clear that there will be no escape from justice for those responsible for this vile and vicious act. Our security agencies are directed to leave no stone unturned to track down the culprits to account for their heinous action," he said.

He conveyed the condolences of the government to the bereaved family.