

Why we killed Army General, by suspects



Operatives of the **Nigeria Police Force (NPF)** have arrested four suspected killers of the Abuja-based retired Brig.-Gen. Uwem Udukwere.

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Commissioner of Police, CP Benneth Igweh, who paraded the suspects in Abuja yesterday, listed the four killer-suspects as Ibrahim Rabi, 33, male of Rasha, Apo; Nafiu Jamil, 33, male of Apo Pantaker; Aliyu Abdullahi, 47, male of Apo; and Mohammed Nuhu, 28, 'm' of Apo Primary.

They were arrested on Sunday by detectives from the Utako Police Division.

Udukwere was killed on Saturday at his Sunshine Estate home in Abuja.

Igweh said: "On June 23, 2024 about 04:00 p.m. acting on credible intelligence, police operatives of FCT Police Command from Utako Division led by CSP Victor Godfrey trailed and arrested four suspects; Ibrahim Rabi 33 years 'm' of Rasha, Apo; Nafiu Jamil 33 'm' of Apo pantaker; Aliyu Abdullahi 47 'm' of Apo; and Mohammed Nuhu, 28, 'm' of Apo Primary.

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"They are responsible for attacking, robbing and the killing of one Brigadier-General Uwen Harold Udukwere (rtd.) on June 22, 2024, at his residence in Sunshine homes Estate in Kabusa. The suspects, who confessed to the crime, stabbed the General when he tried to resist them with his pistols. The knife used in committing the crime was recovered and the deceased stolen phone was equally recovered. Effort is on top gear to arrest other fleeing suspects and to recover the pistols taken away from the deceased. Suspects will be charged to court at the end of the investigation."

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Ibrahim, who spoke with our correspondent on how the general was killed, said: "We stabbed the general with a knife. We went to rob him and we collected laptops and phones from him. I was the one that killed him with a knife. I had two knives. I stabbed him in the stomach while another of my friends stabbed him on his shoulder. The general was with his gun and he was struggling with us, that was why we killed him."

Also, the Police said on May 26, 2024 about 10:00am, acting on intelligence, operatives of the the Anti-kidnapping Unit of the FCT Police Command trailed and arrested Isa Mohammed Ibrahim, 30, of Kofina, Zuba, Abuja (an escapee of Kuje Prison in 2022) and his brother, Nasiru Mohammed (a.k.a Danger).

The suspects were members of the kidnapping syndicate that stormed Livestock Estate in Dei-Dei sometime last December and kidnapped 17 victims, collecting huge ransom before releasing the victims.