

*From ABUBAKAR IMAM,  
Sokoto*

A POLICE Constable attached to Kwanni Divisional headquarter of the Sokoto State Police Command, Hamidu Muhammed has been stabbed to death by a suspected *area boy* over outstanding debt.

The victim was said to have been called by a friend who was

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owed some money by the culprit, Wadata Isa, but unknown to him, Isa had met with friends and resolved to kill him the moment he approached them.

The deceased whose marriage was slated for two

weeks time, met his death Wednesday at 6 pm. As soon as they reached where Isa and friends were having fun he was attacked, beaten and stabbed to death.

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While speaking to newsmen on the ugly development, the state Police Commissioner, Alhaji Mamman Chefe said the attack was incited by hatred for the black uniform as they only targetted the constable.

According to him, the deceased, aged 25 was coming back from office after closing for the day and his killers led by Isa attacked and stabbed him resulting in his death.

Chefe who was visibly worried, said when the report reached him he ordered for total combing of the area with a view to fishing out the perpetrators who tried to escape arrest, but nemesis caught up with them, as the principal suspect was arrested in the early hours of yesterday and was giving useful information to the police.

He said Isa had not given any reason why they committed the crime, and that there was no previous quarrel, therefore" it could be just a mere hatred for the uniform".

He called on all and sundry to desist from taking the law into their hands, warning areaboys in the state to reform or be dealt with decisively.

He said the culprits would be charged based on the crime they committed after the ongoing investigation was over.

While fielding questions, Isa, aged 21, confirmed having stabbed the police constable to death after being beaten up by friends. He added that he was influenced by drugs.

He also confirmed being indebted to his friend who used the deceased to threaten him over the outstanding debt.