

# Kano: Trader killed by unknown person

*From MUSTAPHA GIDE,  
Kano*

A young trader, Francis Emone aged 23 has been killed in Kano allegedly by unknown persons a few minutes after he closed business for the day at his master's shop at the Kwari Market of the ancient commercial city.

Francis Emone who hailed from Umuifitedu, Aguru in Aniocha Local Government Area of Anambra state met his death on his way home when he was stabbed to death last Friday by unidentified persons.

It was disclosed that the deceased on that fateful day had gone to his master's shop for the day's business, when he met his untimely death, a distance from his master's shop.

Reliable source disclosed that after closing for the day's business at Kantin Kwari Textile Market, the deceased who had no premonition of his death had set out to his home at Sabon Gari, when an unidentified person stabbed him on the chest and left the sharp knife on him in the public glare and disappeared.

It was gathered that the mystery behind the killing of Francis is now a subject of controversy as the family of the deceased is demanding for

justice, because up till this moment, nothing tangible has been done towards fishing out the killers.

A team of Policemen from Fagge Police station arrived the scene of the incident, about 15 minutes after the gruesome murder of Francis Emone and took the corpse away.

"It a very sad event, the killer stabbed him directly on the chest, pushed him inside the gutter and ran away, people ran helter-skelter. The Police picked his corpse in a pool of blood," said an eye-witness account.

However, the remains of Francis have since been deposited at the Murtala Mohammed Hospital by the Police since Friday.

The Kantin Kwari Amalgamated Textile Traders Association, KKATTA, in solidarity has boycotted business since Friday, saying, "we are protesting the killing of our brother, we want the killer to be fished out to face justice," said one of the Igbo business men.

The Chairman of KKATTA, Prince Ben Okeke said that the Association has formerly written a petition to the Commissioner of Police,

Director, SSS, the state Governor, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau and the Brigade Commander, 3 Mechanized Brigade, M.D. Abubakar to intimate them of the ugly incident, and is awaiting their reply before the next line of action is taken.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Alhaji Tanko Lawal told newsmen that the Police is still investigating the killing, pointing out that the killer is on the run and 'we are working hard to find

out what actually happened and why the crime was committed.'

The Special Adviser to Kano state Governor on Inter-Community Relations (South-East), Chief Chris Chukwubuzor Azuka has called for calm and appealed to other traders and relations of the killed youth to take heart and desist from unlawful acts as security agencies and the government are working round the clock to unravel the mystery surrounding his death.

## Bayero commends

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THE Emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero, has applauded GlaxoSmithKline Nigeria Plc (GSK), a foremost healthcare multinational company, for its commitment to improve quality of life for its teeming consumers.

Alhaji Ado Bayero expressed delight at the company's focus and strategies to add value to consumers' life by offering various refreshing health and consumer products which can help people live more active and valuable lives.

The monarch who made this remark while receiving a team of GSK's management at his palace in Kano, commended the company for its

continuous drive and relentlessness in using research to identify and provide the necessary and safe consumer's healthcare products for every cadre of the society.

The Emir said that the people of Kano State have benefited from such offerings and are committed to aiding the activities of the company.

His words "We are aware of the company's various products in Kano as well as their health value for our people. We are happy with GSK and its products and the good people of Kano would continue to support them and benefit from their products."

Commenting on the visit, Hannah Oyebanjo, GlaxoSmithKline Marketing