

Masked men kill textile merchant in Kano

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MASKED MAN

Ted Odogwu, Kano

A 35-year-old trader, who dealt in textile at the popular Kantin Kwari Textile Market, identified simply as Alhaji Usman, was shot dead on Friday by three masked men.

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Usman was killed at about 8pm at Jaen, in the Gwale Local Government area of the Kano metropolis.

An eyewitness, Mubarak Nuhu, told *PUNCH Metro* in Kano on Sunday that the victim was in company with his wife, who was nursing a two-year-old baby boy when the masked gunmen shot him thrice at a close range.

It was gathered that after Usman was shot, the gunmen hastily drove away from the scene in a Volkswagen Golf, while Usman's wife fled the scene.

It was further learnt that the area was hurriedly deserted following the shooting.

The witness said, "The incident happened on Friday. The man had parked by the roadside and was walking towards a grocery store, adjacent to his home.

"No sooner had he parked his car than three masked gunmen surrounded his car and shot him thrice in the face."

The witness added that late Usman was on his way home after visiting some family members, alongside his wife and child.

It was gathered that the state firefighters, whose office was near the scene of the incident, later arrived at the scene and took the corpse of the textile trader to a hospital.

Nuhu, who described himself as a family friend, said he was suspicious that the deceased, who was a successful businessman, must have been "shot by hired assassins over a business deal that went sour."

When contacted, the Kano State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Musa Majia, who confirmed the incident, said detectives from the command had commenced investigations "to uncover those behind the dastardly act."

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