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# Family urges police to probe stabbing of Abuja printer to death

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Blessed

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The family of an Abuja-based printer and graphic designer, Blessed Ajogwu, who was allegedly stabbed to death at the Ceddi Plaza, Central Area of the Federal Capital Territory, has urged the Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, to order an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

It was gathered that Blessed was stabbed in the neck on February 25, 2021, around 10pm when he went to deliver a job to a client in the plaza.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that Blessed, who screamed for help to no avail, was on a telephone call with a female friend when the incident happened.

The deceased's family, who noted that he quit his former workplace on February 20 under suspicious circumstances, alleged that he was no longer comfortable with the way he was being treated at the workplace.

The family, through its lawyer, Emmanuel Onoja, filed a petition urging the IG to investigate and bring to justice the perpetrators of the crime.

In the petition signed by one George Ibrahim and made available to our correspondent, the family alleged that Blessed left for his new place of work on February 25, 2021, in the company with one Ibro, whom he wanted to introduce to his new boss, Mr Martins, who requested the services of a technician.

According to the family, Ibro was asked to resume the following day but failed to do so and calls put across to him were not picked.

The petition read in part, "Ibro did not resume on February 26 as scheduled. Mr Martins, who was already informed about the murder of Blessed the previous night and was also alarmed that Ibro did not show up as expected, called Ibro several times from the morning of February 26 till the evening, but Ibro neither answered nor returned the calls.

"Mr Martins, however, used another line to call Ibro, which he answered, not knowing who was calling. Ibro did not say why he did not resume and when asked about the whereabouts of Blessed, he simply said he did not know. This call was around 5pm on February 26, 2021.

"Around 9pm on the day of his gruesome murder, one Miss Gift, Blessed's neighbour in Mararaba, had called him to inquire why he had not returned home for the day. Blessed had told her that he had a job to deliver at the Ceddi Plaza to a client that night.

“Mr Blessed was in his last moments on a call with one Miss Happiness Ogah, a female friend living in Makurdi. They were having a conversation when he told her that he was not home yet as he just delivered a job to a client and was already on his way out. He, however, screamed suddenly saying he had been stabbed in the neck. He was calling for help and started gasping. It all happened so quickly that he could not say anything further, then became silent. Happiness then quickly called Blessed’s father to inform him about what had happened.”

It further stated, “The only client known to Blessed’s family at the Ceddi Plaza are some ladies he simply referred to as the twins. One of the said twins called Blessed’s former employer on February 26 to ask after him. According to her, Blessed had not answered nor returned her calls all day. In the same vein, one Emeka from Blessed’s former office was also calling his phone persistently on February 26, 2021, and when his brother answered the call, he simply said he wanted to know if Blessed was okay.

“We have deemed it proper to channel our demands to you because we identify with your lofty goals and pursuit of the attainment of justice for the ordinary Nigerian and ensuring our nation is rid of criminal elements, who intend to make this nation flow with innocent blood.”

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