

Slain Zamfara fruit vendor's family demands N200m compensation

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THE solicitors to the family of a fruit vendor, who was killed by a trigger-happy soldier in Gusau, Zamfara State, have asked the Minister of Defence to direct the Nigerian Army to pay his family N200m as compensation.

The solicitors also urged the Army to punish the killer in accordance

with the laws of the land.

The fruit vendor, Abdulkadir Musa, was shot dead by a gunman suspected to be a soldier for refusing to allow him to go away with his bunch of bananas without payment.

In a letter by the firm of M. B. Idris & Co dated June 8, 2021, and signed by Bello Idris Galadi, the firm stated, "As solicitors to the family of the late Abdulkadir Musa (Mai Ayaba) of Gusau, Zamfara State, on whose behalf and firm instructions we write to you herein, you may wish to be notified that on Sunday, May 9, 2021, around 5pm, two soldiers in mufti visited Abdulkadir at his shop located at the Hayin Buba junction, Bye-pass Road, Gusau, and priced a bunch of bananas.



• Abdulkadir

"You may wish to be informed that an argument erupted between the two soldiers and the deceased over the price of the bunch of bananas; thereafter, a complaint was lodged against the soldiers at the Gusau Police Area Command upon which three police officers rushed to the scene and disposed off the case.

"Retrospectively, the police officers urged the soldiers to give the deceased N500 for the bananas they bought, which they did, as if the case was over, only for the soldiers to return in a couple of minutes with two firearms and one of them shot Abdulkadir in the chest and he died a few minutes later.

"It may interest you to know that even though the soldiers escaped immediately after the killing, but they were subsequently arrested and are currently undergoing interrogation by both the Army authorities in Zamfara State and the police command."

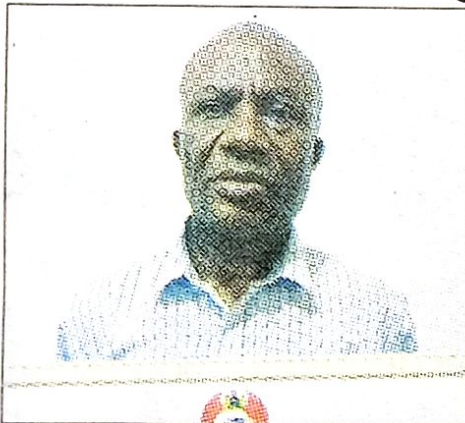
The firm called on the Chief of Army Staff to do something immediately in order to compensate the family, whose breadwinner was mercilessly murdered by the soldiers without any reason. „

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on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

According to the anti-graft agency, the suspects are Ugochukwu Onyia, Osita Henry, Ephraim Johnson, Osondu Nnamere, Umahi Emmanuel and Ugochukwu Joseph.

rested over alleged N102m fraud



• Obinyan

Fedan Courtyard Home Services Limited.

According to the complainants, who are the children of Daniel, Stephen and Emeka Chinemelum, their father paid the sum of N52m into the suspect's Zenith Bank account number 1011861572 as equity contribution to the business.

The complainants further alleged that the suspect, however, failed to render an account of the business at the expiration of the five-year duration of the agreement.

The Head of Media and Publicity, EFCC, Wilson Uwujaren, said the failure of the complainants to retrieve the money from Obinyan prompted them to report to the commission.

Similarly, the commission has also arrested one Rasaki Adeyiga over an alleged N24,260,000 fraud.

It was gathered that Adeyiga allegedly presented himself to the complainant, Ahmed Shinkafi, as a businessman dealing in the importation of automobiles from the United States of America and Europe.

The complainant allegedly paid the sum of N25m for a Lexus SUV into the suspect's account number 0136968208 domiciled in Guaranty Trust Bank Plc.

However, the suspect reneged on his promise and diverted the money to his personal use.

According to Uwujaren, the suspects would soon be charged.