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Assailants stab to death 42-year-old head teacher in Borno



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Dogara Bitrus, Maiduguri

A 42-year-old headmaster, Babagana Ahmed, has been stabbed to death by hoodlums at his house in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident happened in the early hours of Monday.

The late head teacher was said to have been transferred to the Asheik Jarma Mega Primary School about seven weeks ago.

According to sources, the victim, upon resumption in the school, embarked on reforms of some operational policies.

A teacher and friend of the late headmaster, who identified himself only as Abdullaziz, said the reforms included the disengagement of the civilian joint task force deployed as security men in the school.

He said, "When he got to the school, he discovered that there were issues pertaining to theft of school property,

such as fans, ACs and other important learning equipment, which were being removed and sold. Yet, there were security personnel stationed in the school. So, he organised a management meeting to discuss the way forward and at the meeting it was agreed that the civilian JTF should be relieved. The management hired Fulani men in their place; but it (the decision) did not go down well with the JTF volunteers."

A family member, Ali, who spoke to PUNCH Metro, said the hoodlums on two occasions visited the victim and warned him to "stay away from them or else they would kill him."

"They met his wife when they came last week and she relayed the message to her husband, who reported the threat to the divisional police headquarters in Gomari Airport on Friday," he added.

According to a resident, Ali Usman, the assailants rode a motorcycle to the victim's house on Monday and broke into his room while he was fast asleep.

He said, "I was wondering who was riding a motorcycle at such an ungodly hour especially when I knew there was a curfew and a ban on use of motorcycles in the state.

The noise turned to shouting; I woke up my wives and together we went to the house of Babagana to find him in a pool of blood.

"One of my wives collected the small baby from his crying wife and we rushed him to a specialist hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor. The incident happened around 2.45am; I checked my watch to confirm the time."

He said he suspected that the hoodlums scaled the fence to enter the building.

"His wife gave birth to a baby boy exactly one month

today (Monday) aside from the three children they had. His first child is 10 years old. He has been buried according to Islamic rites," Usman added.

The Borno State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Sani Shatambaya, said a report on the incident had yet to get to the command headquarters.

"This may be because the divisional police headquarters have not concluded their investigations. The state headquarters will swing into action when we receive briefing from the DPO of the division," he added.

Police nab 42-year-old man with gun hidden in garri bag

Matthew Ochei, Asaba

THE Delta State Police Command has arrested a 42-year-old man with a locally-made single-barrelled gun concealed in a bag of garri.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, who stated this on Monday in Asaba, also said the Commissioner of Police, Muhammed Ali, warned officers and men of the command to desist from all forms of corruption and incivility to members of the public.

He said, "On October 10, 2021, a patrol team attached to the Ovwian Aladja Police Division while on stop-and-search duty intercepted a commercial bus carrying some passengers.

"The operatives, upon searching the passengers, recovered one locally-made single-barrelled gun concealed in a bag of garri.

"The suspect, Pigi Kelvin, aged 42, of Ututuoama town, Ughelli South LGA, was arrested. Investigation is ongoing." ,,