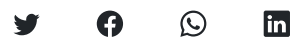


Police begin search for Adamawa poly lecturer's killers

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Yohanna Mbudai Bzegu

A polytechnic lecturer, Yohanna Bzegu, has been shot dead in Adamawa State by yet-to-be identified gunmen.

Bzegu, a lecturer with the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Adamawa State Polytechnic, Yola, was shot dead in the early hours of Thursday at his Bajabure residence, behind Anglican Junior Seminary, a satellite town on the outskirts of Yola, the state capital.

The assailants reportedly broke into his house and shot at his chest and watched him die while his wife watched helplessly

A family source who spoke on condition of anonymity while speaking to journalists said the attackers gained entry into the late lecturer's residence at about 3am. The source also stated that it was the fifth attempt by the assailants on the residence, adding they succeeded in killing him during the latest attempt.

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He said, "They fired shots through the window; later they broke the door and shot him in the chest until they confirmed he was dead."

Confirming the incident, spokesperson for the state police command, Suleiman Nguroje, said, "The Commissioner of Police, Sikiru Akande, visited the crime scene and directed that immediate investigation with a view to apprehending the culprit be initiated to arrest the killer of the lecturer."

There have been killings lately in the state and the development has unsettled residents. The most prominent was an attack by suspected gunmen on the residence of Daniel Umaru; a pastor with Ekklesiyya Yan'uwa a Nigeria, resulting in the death of the cleric's two teenage sons.

The PUNCH reported that gunmen last week stormed the cleric's home in the Kwarhi area; a suburb at Mararaba Mubi at night, shot the pastor and his two sons. But while his two teenage sons died immediately, Umaru survived but the attackers went away with his 13-year-old daughter. The teenage daughter had since been freed after the payment of an undisclosed amount as ransom.

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