

No fewer than four suspects have been paraded by the Gombe State Police command over the murder of 16-year-old Alamin Ahmadu.

Investigations by the police revealed that one of the suspects, 25-year-old Ahmadu Ibrahim, was an apprentice who masterminded the kidnap and murder of Alamin, his boss's son.

Other suspects identified are 35-year-old Babuka Abubakar, Abdulsalam Mohammed (aged 28 years), and Muhammadu Abubakar (aged 28 years), all of Liji quarters in the Yalmatu Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State.

Parading the suspects on Friday, the state Public Relations Officer, Mahid Abubakar, said the anti-kidnapping squad received a formal complaint from Ahmadu Yaya, the deceased father that some unknown persons called and informed him that they kidnapped his son and demanded the sum of N5m as ransom.

The PPRO stated that Yaya also revealed that his son Alamin was a student of Ubaida Academy Arawa, who left home for an errand, adding that he did not return up till the moment he received the call demanding N5m ransom.

"On receipt of the complaint, the anti-kidnapping unit led by the O/C Anti Kidnapping swung into action and succeeded in arresting the suspects and immediately commenced an investigation.

"Further investigation revealed that one of the suspects by name Ahmadu Ibrahim, who works at a rice mill company under the father of the victim, was the mastermind behind the kidnapping of the victim.

"The suspect confessed to having kidnapped the 17-year-old Alamin and taken him to Lijji Hill but later confirmed to have killed him following the failure of his father to pay the ransom of N700,000 naira as earlier agreed through phone negotiation, Suspects are under our custody and will be charged to court for prosecution," Abubakar said.

Meanwhile, the Gombe State Police Command has paraded a housewife identified as Biba Mohammed, over the murder of her husband in Barunde quarters of the metropolis.

The state PPRO said the police received a distress call from a yet-to-be-named resident at Barunde quarters, who reported a suspected homicide case committed in his neighbourhood.

According to Abubakar, detectives from the Lowcost Division were dispatched to the scene, where they discovered Mohammed Maliki, lying lifeless, adding that the housewife confessed to killing her husband upon interrogation.

He said, "The victim was immediately rushed to Specialist Hospital, where he was pronounced dead by a medical doctor. Following a preliminary investigation, Biba Mohammed, the wife of the deceased, was taken into custody after confessing to the crime.

"In her (wife of the deceased) statement, she admitted to using a pestle to strike his head. The case is currently under investigation at SCID and will be presented in court for prosecution upon the conclusion of the investigation."

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