

Police probe Niger photographer's killing



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THE Niger State Police Command has commenced an investigation into the alleged killing of a photographer identified as Zacchaeus Salawadeen in the Tundun Fulani area, Minna on Tuesday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, said this in a statement made available to *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday.

The photographer was believed to have been trailed to his apartment by his assailants on February 27 before they carried out the crime.

The suspects were said to have locked other occupants in their rooms before they invaded Salawadeen's apartment.

After gaining entry into the victim's apartment, the suspected hoodlums were said to have stabbed Salawadeen multiple times before they left the scene.

PUNCH Metro learnt from the police that the incident, which was said to have occurred in the presence of photographer's children, left the man dead after

he was reportedly rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention.

The state police spokesperson further noted that the hoodlums stole some valuables believed to belong to the deceased before they escaped.

The command stated, "On February 27, 2024, at about 0850 hrs, it was reported at Bosso Division that on the same date, at about 0330 hrs, one Zacheau, 33 years old, of Tudun-Fulani, Minna, was attacked in the house by a yet-to-be-identified person(s) and stabbed and robbed of valuables. He was rushed to the IBB Hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

"The police operatives at the Bosso Division visited the scene; some exhibits were recovered from the scene, and a preliminary investigation has commenced into the unfortunate incident."

PUNCH Metro learnt that the report of stabbings is not a new trend in Niger State in recent times. A few weeks ago, a new bride reportedly stabbed her husband to death in Nasarawa village in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State.

The 19-year-old bride, identified as Aisha Aliyu, was said to have murdered her husband, identified as Idris Ahmadu, on their matrimonial bed with a kitchen knife.

Also, a businessman identified as Yusuf Abubakar was stabbed to death in Chanchaga Local Government Area of Niger State by unknown persons in 2021.

The man was reportedly stabbed to death for refusing to surrender his money and mobile phone to his assailants.