

Police probe killing of Plateau transport company manager in Bayelsa

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THE Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State Command, Alonyenu Francis Idu, has said it is probing the circumstances surrounding the killing of the manager of Plateau Rider, a Jos-based road transport company, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The manager, identified as Auwalu Aliyu, was shot and killed at about 8.00 pm on Tuesday around the House of Assembly Complex, Amarata, Yenagoa by suspected assassins.

It is said that the assailants made away with the money he made that day.

News of the killing spread fear in the state capital as residents sought answers to what they saw as the deteriorating security situation in the state.

The late station manager was said to be returning home at the close of the day's work when he met his untimely demise.

While addressing journalists on Thursday in his office in Yenagoa, Idu said an investigation was going on to unravel the circumstances surrounding the death.

He assured the residents that the family of the deceased would soon get justice as the police were

conducting investigations in both Bayelsa and Plateau states saying that there were indications that the perpetrators could be from outside Bayelsa.

He said, "The manner the rider was killed is alien to Bayelsa State. We have the suspicion that the deceased was stalked from Plateau to Bayelsa and killed or his death is related to a group of criminal elements currently assembled at Ogbia Local Government Area.

"So, the circumstances surrounding the death of the deceased are two-dimensional. Our drone was able to capture the signatures of the vehicle that was used to carry out the operation. The last time the vehicle was sighted was that it was heading towards Ogbia.

"As I am speaking to you, the location of the vehicle has yet to be known, but we are sure we will get it soon because we have every detail of the car. So, we sympathise with the family of the deceased, but we are sure they will get justice and that will happen very soon."

Idu also used the opportunity to disclose that the police were now deploying drone technology to tackle criminality in the state.