

# Son kills father with hoe in Niger

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A 29-year-old Minna resident, Mizanmil Abubakar, has been arrested by the Niger State Police Command for allegedly killing his biological father, Abubakar Adawa, who was 69 years old.

The suspect, *Arewa PUNCH* gathered, was alleged to have callously and brutally hacked his father to death with a hoe after which he severed his remains in bits packed them in a sack and buried the body sack in a hurriedly dug shallow grave.

*Arewa PUNCH* investigations reveal that the incident occurred on July 27, at the Barikin-Sale, Chanchaga Local Government Area, Minna, Niger State where the young Abubakar was said to have confessed to the killing of his father with the excuse that the deceased while alive had so much hatred for him as a father, thus he resorted to brutally terminating his life.

The suspect's mother, Aisha Abubakar, said she did not suspect or know that her son had killed his father, who was her husband.



According to the woman, when they did not see the husband throughout the day, it triggered an alarm because he was not the type of person who went too far from his house. As such, instantly, they assumed he was missing and began a search for him.

A family source, Ibrahim Kure said that once they suspected that the elderly Abubakar could not be found and reached some of the family members they went to the Kpakungu Police Division to report the missing person and the operatives swung into action to unravel the whereabouts of Abubakar Adamu.

The Police operatives attached to the division led by the DPO visited the house and conducted a thorough search within and outside the house.

According to the Niger State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Abiodun Wasiu, “the whole compound was thoroughly searched, and surprisingly, the severed body of the missing man was discovered buried in a shallow grave within the compound.”

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Wasiu, who further confirmed the incident, added that both Mizanmil Abubakar and his mother, Aisha Abubakar, were thereafter invited to the police station where the suspect was said to have confessed to the crime.

In a statement by the Police spokesman made available to by *Arewa PUNCH*, he stated.

“The boy was arrested for allegedly killing his biological father with a hoe. The Police at the Kpakungu Division received information on July 30, 2024 that on 29/7/2024, one Abubakar Adawa, aged 65 years was missing from his house at Barikin-Sale area of Chanchaga Local Government Area, Minna, Niger State.

“It was then that the Police operatives attached to the division led by the DPO visited the house, while one Mizanmil Abubakar 29 years and Aisha Abubakar, the mother and son were invited to the station for interrogation.”

He added “The whole compound was thoroughly searched, and surprisingly, the severed body of the missing person was discovered buried in a shallow grave within the compound.

“On interrogation, the said son confessed to being responsible for the gruesome act, adding that he killed his late father (the deceased) because the father had so much hatred for him, hence, he used a hoe to hit and killed him, after which, he severed the victim’s dead body into parts, squeezed the parts into a sack and buried him in a shallow grave within the compound with some of the body parts missing.”

“Preliminary investigation is ongoing at the division, and the suspect will soon be transferred to SCID Minna for further investigation and diligent prosecution,” Wasiu stated.

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