

Robbery suspect arrested for killing Adamawa PoS operator

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File photo: Police officers

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The police authority in Adamawa State says it arrested one suspect in connection with the killing of a Point of Sale operator, Abbas Yuguda, in the Mayo-Belwa Local Government Area of the state on Saturday.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Yahaya Nguroje, disclosed in a statement on Monday that Yuguda, while returning from his business place, was attacked by a group of suspected robbers who attacked and inflicted injuries on his head and left him in a pool of blood.

Nguroje noted that upon receiving information about the incident, police operatives visited the scene, where they found Yuguda and rushed him to a nearby hospital, where he died during treatment.

The PPRO said, “The Adamawa State Police Command has launched an investigation into the gruesome killing of a POS operator, Abbas Yuguda, 35 years old, who was attacked in Mayo-Belwa LGA.

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“The incident occurred on March 22, 2025, when the victim was on his way home after closing from his business premises. Some groups of people armed themselves with offensive weapons, attacked and inflicted severe injuries on his head and left him lying in a pool of blood.

“The command’s operatives attached to Divisional police headquarters, Mayo Belwa, arrived at the scene and immediately rushed the victim to Cottage Hospital, Mayo-Belwa, in a bid to save his life but sadly he was confirmed dead while on admission receiving treatment.”

He continued that some youths in the area who were privy to the incident trailed and caught one of the suspected armed robbers and subdued him to mob action.

The spokesperson noted that it took the intervention of the police to rescue the suspect from the mob, who had been admitted to a hospital.

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He warned residents of the state against jungle justice while urging them to always report any incident to the police.

“On the strength of that, one of the suspects, identified as Umar SNU, was trailed by some angry youths, he was subdued to mob action before being rescued by the police. He was equally rushed to a hospital for medical attention, now aiding the investigation.

“The Commissioner of Police, Dankombo Morris, has strongly condemned this act of violence and has directed a thorough and discreet investigation to ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice.

“He also warned members of the public to desist from taking laws into their own hands and urged them to allow the law always to take its course. The Command urges residents to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities to the nearest police station,” Nguroje stated.

PUNCH Metro reported in December 2024 that some suspected armed robbers attacked a community in the Atan-Ota in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State and killed a security guard who was guarding a mini carpark in the area while absconding with a truck parked in the park.

Our correspondent learnt from a resident of the community that a food vendor on the premises of the park had discovered the lifeless body of the guard, who was hacked and tied to a corner.

The food vendor was said to have raised the alarm, thereby drawing the attention of other community members.