Police confirm killing of 45-year-old Gombe man by hoodlums

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The Gombe State Police Command, on Monday confirmed the tragic killing of a 45-year-old man, Ahmed Aliyu, who was fatally attacked by unidentified assailants in Hammadu Kafi, Akko Local Government Area.

The state's Public Relations Officer, DSP Buhari Abdullahi, disclosed in a statement, on Monday, that the incident was reported at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Sunday by a relative of the deceased, Bashir Aliyu Umar, though the attack itself occurred around 8:00 a.m. earlier that day.

Abdullahi said, "Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was attacked with a knife and sustained fatal injuries to the left side of his chest and back.

"He was rushed to the Specialist Hospital in Gombe, where a medical doctor sadly confirmed him dead."

The police command described the act as "senseless and unwarranted," and has launched an intelligence-driven investigation to track down those responsible.

"We strongly condemn this heinous crime. An intelligence-based investigation has commenced immediately, and every effort is being made to identify, trace, and apprehend the perpetrators so they can face the full wrath of the law," he added.

In its appeal for public cooperation, the command urged residents to remain calm and assist in the investigation by volunteering any information that could aid in solving the case.

"We call on members of the public to support the police by providing credible information that can help unravel the circumstances behind this tragedy," the police spokesperson said.

The Gombe State Police Command reiterated its commitment to ensuring the safety of all residents, adding, "We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of everyone in the state."

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Meanwhile, Governor Muhammadu Yahaya has condemned the attack and killing.

The tragic incident occurred on Sunday night, when the victim was stabbed during the attack and later confirmed dead at the Gombe Specialist Hospital, according to security reports.

Reacting to the incident, Yahaya through his Director-General Press Affairs Gombe Government House, Ismaila Misilli, expressed outrage and sorrow, describing the killing as senseless and completely unacceptable.

He vowed that the state government would not tolerate a resurgence of thuggery and gang-related violence in Gombe.

"This gruesome act is a direct threat to the peace and safety of our people. Let it be known: violence has no place in Gombe State, and we will deal decisively with anyone caught breaching our peace," the governor said.

He directed security agencies to act swiftly and ruthlessly to bring the culprits to justice, stressing that the full weight of the law would be brought to bear on anyone found wielding dangerous weapons or involved in criminal gangs.

"I have instructed all relevant security agencies to move swiftly. We must not allow these elements to terrorize our people. The killers of Ahmed will be hunted down and made to face the full wrath of the law," he said.

"To the family and loved ones of the late Ahmed, I extend my deepest condolences. The Government and people of Gombe State mourn with you, and I assure you that justice will be served.

"I am also calling on the security agencies to step up intelligence gathering and street-level patrols, especially in areas vulnerable to such crimes. Our people deserve to move about freely without fear or threat to their lives and property.