

# Police nab six over Abuja market killing

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FCT Commissioner of Police, Ajao Adewale.

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No fewer than six suspects linked to the killing that triggered unrest at Gosa Market along Airport Road in Abuja have been arrested by the operatives of the Federal Capital Police Command.

The incident, which caused fear among traders and residents, followed the death of a man accused of stealing tubers of yam.

As a result of the incident, many have abandoned the market, which is often regarded as one of the most affordable places to buy food items in Abuja.

Speaking during a press briefing in Abuja, the Commissioner of Police, Adewale Ajao, said following the incident, the police swiftly moved into the area to douse tensions and restore normalcy.

He said, “A young man was accused of stealing some tubers of yam at the market. And lo and behold, an individual decided to take the law into his hands. That’s a complete human being. This is what led to the crisis.

“Following the police swiftly moved into the area to douse tensions and restore normalcy. Six suspects are currently in custody over the matter, which the police are treating as a clear case of murder. “

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He added that the police engaged community leaders and traditional rulers in dialogue, which helped calm the situation.

“Immediately after the incident, we engaged the community leader there. The traditional ruler was with us. We discussed and tried to find out what went wrong. They saw the need to embrace peace,” he said.

He said as of Thursday, the Gosa Market had resumed full operations under tight police surveillance.

Ajao noted that in efforts to tackle robbery, five armed robbery cases led to the arrest of 17 suspects, while six others were nabbed in connection with foiled robberies in Apo and Kubwa.

“Items recovered included four vehicles, a jackknife, military camouflage, and pistol ammunition.

“Other arrests included: Nine suspects for theft, four for “one-chance” robbery, five for car theft involving illegal scrap dealers, two for fraud, one each for illegal possession of firearms and attempted homicide, eight for child trafficking, ten for rape, and one suspect for domestic violence,” he added.