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Controversy over Killing of ABU Don, Driver

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Chuks Akunna in Abuja

A Professor of Agriculture at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, Ahmad Falaki and his driver, were Saturday night, killed by yet to be identified persons.

There were conflicting accounts on how Falaki, who was Director of ABU's Institute of Agricultural Research and his driver died.

Family sources told THISDAY that Falaki and his driver may have been mistaken for Boko Haram members and killed by the police on their way from Bauchi to Kano.

A family source told THISDAY that the professor, his driver and one unnamed relation were attacked by suspected Boko Haram members on the Sumaila-Kimbiya road. The terrorists reportedly snatched Falaki's official Toyota Hilux.

The professor, his driver and relation were however reportedly unharmed by the suspected terrorists. Falaki from his mobile telephone thereafter reportedly called the vigilante in Burra, Ningi Local Government Area of Bauchi, alerting them of his snatched official jeep.

Family members told THISDAY that there was strong suspicion that policemen from Kibiya police station in Kano may have mistaken the robbed professor for the Boko Haram members who attacked the station few hours earlier.

Bauchi State Police spokesman, Haruna Mohammed, however told THISDAY that the professor was not killed in "a neighbouring state," but that his command merely recovered the white Hilux.

He said the police was investigating the incident and that arrests have been made.

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