

75-yr-old guard murdered in Makurdi market

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MAKURDI—A 75 year old guard at the Makurdi New Bridge Head abattoir, popularly known as Baba Ibro, was in the early hours of Wednesday stabbed to death at his duty post by unknown persons.

Vanguard learned that the elderly man who had been the head of the guards at the abattoir, which also houses part of the Makurdi timber market, was found dead in his own pool of blood when traders arrived the market for the day's business.

The development compelled meat sellers and owners of other business outlets within the vicinity to shutdown all commercial activities for several hours in sympathy with the family of the deceased.

Most of them were seen in groups discussing the unfortunate development while some were said to have been delegated to the family of the deceased to alert them of the murder.

One of the butchers at the market who volunteered to speak on condition of anonymity said they all met the lifeless body of the aged guard when they reported for the day's business.

He said: "We cannot say what must have happened, but we came to butcher and sell our meat this morning when we saw that Baba was lying in pool of his own blood dead."

At the time of this report, the remains of the old man had been removed for burial in accordance with Islamic rites.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Assistant Superintendent, ASP, Moses Yamu who confirmed the murder said, "the son of the 75 year old man came and reported the matter to the Police and as we speak investigation is ongoing."

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