

Kidnappers, killers of ex-gov Dariye's father after collecting N10m ransom arrested, paraded in Abuja

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ABUJA—THE kidnappers and killers of 93 year-old Pa Dariye Defwan, father of former governor of Plateau State, Mr Joshua Dariye, have been arrested by detectives of the Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT), Commanded by Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP Tunji Disu.

The victim was reportedly killed after collecting a ransom of N10 million from his family by the assailants.

Speaking during their parade in Abuja by the Commissioner of Police in charge of Force Public Relations, CP Frank Mba, the mastermind of the killing, Jetro Ngusen, unrepentantly, said: "Yes I was the one who sent them but if you give children assignment and your children go and mess the assignment, then it is unfortunate. My mission was not to kill him but collect a ransom."

CP Frank Mba said: "Jetro is unrepentant over the murder of Pa Dariye. All he was concerned with was the collection of the ransom because he saw nothing wrong with the killing of the old man. Investigations showed that the bulk of persons who planned this crime are all known to the Dariye family."

Mba, who described the killing as a case of unfortunate incident laced with wickedness, said, Pa Dariye who is a native of Orop Community in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau state was kidnapped in June 2020 and held incommunicado for eight (8) days; kept in a very unsanitary condition and fed in a manner not befitting of an elder citizen of his age.

"A ransom of N10 million was paid to the kidnappers. Rather than let the old man go home, they went on to murder him in cold blood on the orders of their sponsor, Mr Jetro Ngusen 57 years, also a native from Orop in Bokkos LGA.

"After recovering the body of the murdered Dariye, detectives of IRT and other Police Operatives spent months investigating and searching for the killers. Within the last 30 days, we were able to arrest 8 suspects that played key roles in the kidnapping and killing of Pa Dariye."

"Unfortunately, all the 8 suspects who played key roles are from the same village with Pa Dariye, Orop, in Bokkos LGA of Plateau State."

A son of late Pa Dariye, Dr Haruna Dariye, who witnessed the parade of his father's killers said, "These are people from my village. We know them. We all grew together. One of the suspects, his grandmother is my father's sister. It is very disheartening. I commend the Police for this feat. This has shown that the Police can do their job no matter how long it takes."