

Mob kills man for alleged blasphemy in Bauchi



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A mob in Nasaru village in the Ningi local government area of Bauchi State killed a middle-aged man simply identified as Yunusa on Wednesday for allegedly making blasphemous comments against Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Vanguard learned that Yunusa was attacked and killed after an argument went sour with his friend, in which he allegedly blasphemed.

An anonymous witness said that the killing of Yunusa caused tension in the area where the incident occurred.

"The victim was a member of Faira Islamic Sect. He was heard to have spoken words of insult to the Prophet. Some young men challenged Yunusa to withdraw his statement, but he insisted he would not.

He even repeated it. That was when they started beating him," he said.

He said that some police personnel tried as much as possible to save Yunusa, but they were overpowered by the mob, which used stones, sticks, and other dangerous things to hit him until he died.

Unconfirmed reports have it that the mob tried to burn down the police station in the village when the police tried to shield him.

The Bauchi police command is yet to react to this development.



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