

Robbers kill two people in Bulenga, take off with sh12m

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A truck driver, Ibrahim Ssengooba, 24, and Andrew Byonanebye, a pump attendant, were yesterday morning murdered by unidentified assailants at Loris Oils petrol station at Nakuwadde in Bulenga, alongside Mityana Road.

The Police have since launched a hunt for the assailants who reportedly took off with sh12m.

According to the Police spokesperson, Emilian Kayima, the thugs attacked the filling station at about 4:30am and killed two people, before breaking into the station's office and

stealing the money.

"The truck driver was hit by a blunt object and strangled to death, while the pump attendant is suspected to have been intoxicated first before he was strangled to death," Kayima told journalists at the Central Police Station yesterday.

"The Police are on ground to manage the scene of crime as investigations into this gruesome murder continue," Kayima said.

According to eyewitness, the two bodies of the deceased were found lying in a pool of blood.

Ssengooba's body was found lying near a vehicle with deep cuts on his head and the neck.

EYEWITNESS

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Byonanebye's body was also found lying in one of the buildings at the petrol station. Just like Ssengooba, his body also had deep cuts around his head and the neck.

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similar to those of the *asikaali* (security guard) at the petrol station emerged," one of the survivors, Eria Zziwa, narrated.

According to Zziwa, before the incident, the attacker, who had a gun wrapped under his arm-pit, asked them to move out of the car. Then their legs and hands

were tied with ropes.

"When he saw that Ssengooba was making a lot of noise, he got one of the car parts, hit his head and tied a rope around his neck. He got a panga and started cutting him on the head, while asking him, 'who are you to fail us from taking this money'," Zziwa said.

Zziwa and his fellow turn boy only identified as Kimbugwe laid still on the ground until the thugs took off with the money.

One of the security guards at the petrol station, Rogers Natumanya, narrated that before the incident, an unknown man approached him and asked him to keep watch over his purported

motorcycle which he had parked at the petrol station.

"He offered me bread which I ate, thinking he was thanking me for keeping watch over his motorcycle. However, after eating the bread, I lost consciousness and only recovered in the morning," said Natumanya, who was arrested by Police to help in its investigations.

Josephine Nankungu, the manager Loris Oils petrol station, said on the day of the attack, one of the security guards did not work as he claimed to be sick.

Kityo Nyenje, the father of Ssengooba, appealed to Police to carry out thorough investigations to bring the culprits to book.