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Gwagwalada Legislative Council Speaker, Aide Die In Road Accident



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The Speaker of the Gwagwalada Area Council Legislative Arm, Hon. Mohammed Ibrahim Ibwa, and his aide, Ibrahim Ibwa, have died in a ghastly motor accident at Sheda village along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

Our reporter gathered that the Speaker died in the early hours of Thursday at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, where he was referred after initially receiving treatment at Legend Hospital in Gwagwalada. His aide reportedly died on the spot.

A witness said the accident occurred around 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday and involved a head-on collision between a Mercedes-Benz car and a Sino truck at Sheda village.

According to the witness, three persons were travelling in the Mercedes-Benz when the crash occurred. The third person is said to be currently receiving medical attention.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who participated in the rescue operation and spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the incident. He said one victim died at the scene, while two others, including the Speaker, were taken to the hospital.

The FRSC official added that the corpse of the deceased was deposited at Legend Hospital mortuary in Gwagwalada.

Further findings revealed that the Speaker and his aides were returning to Gwagwalada from Kwali after attending a political meeting when their vehicle collided head-on with a

trailer coming from the opposite direction near Sheda village.

The remains of the late Speaker were later buried according to Islamic rites in his Ibwa community in Gwagwalada Area Council.

Dignitaries at the burial included the chairman-elect of Gwagwalada Area Council, Hon. Mohammed Kasim Ikwa; former council chairman, Alhaji Adamu Mustapha; former House of Representatives member, Isah Egah Dobi; and other prominent politicians.

Meanwhile, the FCT APC senatorial aspirant, Senator Philip Aduda, has commiserated with the family of the late Speaker and the people of Ibwa community over the tragic loss.

Aduda, accompanied by the chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) in the FCT, Danladi Chiya; Gwagwalada chairman-elect, Mohammed Kasim Ikwa; and other political leaders, visited the deceased's family on Thursday to offer condolences.

He described the Speaker's death as shocking and painful, not only to the people of Gwagwalada but to the entire FCT.

According to Aduda, the late Speaker was a committed leader who served his people with

dedication, humility and the fear of God.

He prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased and asked God to grant comfort to their families and the Ibwa community during the difficult period.

Aduda also urged the bereaved families to remain prayerful and steadfast.