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Robbers kill NFL Accountant

LUKKEY ABAWURU and KUNLE ALADE

TRAGEDY yesterday hit the nation's football family in Abuja as suspected robbers shot dead Mallam Shehu Garba, Chief Accountant of the Nigeria Football League (NFL) and snatched his car as well as N5 million cash.

Garba was reportedly killed by ye-to, be identified gunmen while returning from a bank at Wuse Zone Four, Abuja where he had gone to withdraw the money. Sources said the robbers had trailed Garba to the bank which identity could not be immediately ascertained before carrying out their dastardly act.

The stolen money, sources claimed was to be disbursed to NFL board members to settle their traveling and other expenses during the 26th edition of the African Cup of Nations holding in Ghana from January 20, 2008.

Garba, who hailed from Gombe State was employed by Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) in 2005.

Confirming the killing, Commissioner of Police, in charge of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, Mr. John Haruna said no arrest has been made.

Describing the incident as mot unfortunate, the police boss said no stone would be left unturned to bring the perpetrators to book.

Haruna told *Daily Champion* on telephone that the police in Abuja have begun what he described as 'intelligent search on all vehicles plying the streets of Abuja and its environ.

He added that the late accountant went to an undisclosed bank in Abuja and withdrew a large sum of money.

According to him, the gunmen might have trailed him, before killing him. They later made away with his vehicle.

"We must track them down and by the time we arrest them they must vomit the money," he said.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) chairman, Alhaji Sani Lulu and Secretary General Bolaji Ojo-Oba as well as the entire management team

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and Secretary General Bolaji Ojo-Oba as well as the entire management team of the NFA have expressed utter shock over the death of Mallam Garba.

"I am shocked beyond words. This is callous. I pray that the Almighty Allah will give the family he has left behind the fortitude to bear the big loss," Lulu said.

Lulu, Ojo-Oba and head of finance, Osawaru Onyewense last night paid a visit to the hospital where the body of the late Garba was taken to, and met NPFL chairman, Chief Oyuki Obaseki and scribe, Alhassan Saleh Yakmut there.

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