

Armed robbers shoot ex-Kaduna gov

Former military governor of Kaduna State Group Captain Usman Jibrin was shot and wounded in Kaduna yesterday by a group of armed men who said they

**From Sani Babadoko,
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were on "a vengeance mission".

Jibrin, who spoke to our

reporter on his hospital bed at Al-Mansour Hospital in Kaduna last night, said the robbers had first attacked his house at about 6.30pm on Saturday. He said they went

to the children's wing just behind the house, and his children shot one of the robbers, who died. The gang then returned to the house at 9, Coronation Crescent,

Kaduna yesterday and announced that they came to seek revenge for their fallen comrade. They also said they must kill Jibrin because his

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children killed one of their members. The heavily armed gang then entered the house and accosted the retired Airforce officer in his sitting room.

According to his own account, the robbers first asked him for money and pushed him at gunpoint into his bedroom. Once there, he

said the robbers saw his own guns and they panicked, shot him in the left thigh and ran away without taking anything. Other members of the household said the robbers returned in the same grey Honda Accord 1989 model in which they came on Saturday.

At the Al-Mansur Hospital, the chief medical

officer, Dr. Musliu Kolawole Odulola told *Daily Trust* that the former governor was in stable condition. Dozens of people flocked to the hospital last night when they heard of the shooting. Among those at the scene were Professor Musa Yakubu and Alhaji Muftau Baba-Ahmed.

Group Captain Usman

Jibrin, a native of Nasarawa town in Nasarawa State, was appointed military governor of old Kaduna State by General Murtala Mohamed in 1975. Two years later, he was embroiled in a public dispute against the then Federal Commissioner for Information, Chief Ayo Ogunlade, over the government's moves to stop the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria [FRCN], Kaduna from broadcasting on shortwave. As a result of that dispute, then military Head of State General Olusegun Obasanjo removed Jibrin as military governor and retired him from the Airforce. Ogunlade was also sacked from the cabinet. In the last two decades, Jibrin has become an important religious and community leader in Kaduna, and heads finance committees of the Jama'atu Nasril Islam. He also promotes an NGO that caters for the disabled.

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political adviser to the national chairman, has also been appointed a minister.

Earlier, PDP's deputy national chairman [North] Alhaji Ibrahim Shema, was elected Governor of Katsina state. Although Messrs Ojo Maduekwe and John Odey have not resigned—their positions, the source said that the duo couldn't hold the two positions simultaneously, adding "their deputies cannot hold on until December. It would be against the party's zoning formula".

PDP may appoint caretaker c'ttee

The interim leadership to be constituted today would be affirmed in December during the party's national convention, said an impeccable source, who also said some hawks within the PDP are bent on pushing out former President Olusegun Obasanjo as the PDP Board of Trustees chairman.

Former Senate President Anyim Pius Anyim and Dr Sam Egwu, the former Governor of Ebonyi state are being considered to replace Dr. Ahmadu Ali as national

chairman, pending the convention.

The PDP national executive committee had met earlier this month and resolved to conduct the National Convention in December this year, with the ward congresses to start early in November. As part of the preparation for the national convention, the party constituted a reconciliation committee, chaired by former Vice President Dr Alex Ekwueme.