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Top CAC officer shot, burnt

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Abubakar Umar's Corpse Burnt

An aide to the chief executive of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) was shot dead and set ablaze by unknown gunmen in Utako, Abuja, on Wednesday night.

Abubakar Umar, a lawyer and special assistant to CAC's newly-appointed Registrar-General Bello Mahmud, appeared to have been trailed after he left work on Wednesday night, abducted and shot in the head along Dan Suleiman Street in Utako. His dead, burnt body was found inside his burnt car around the Utako Market area yesterday morning.

Residents said they saw smoke billowing sometime around 9pm on Wednesday, but did not hear any gunshot around that time. It was only this morning that Umar's burnt car was seen with his charred corpse inside, they said.

Daily Trust's reporters, who visited the scene of the incident at 9 am yesterday, saw Umar's burnt corpse with an apparent bullet hole in the head.

The corpse which was burnt to the bones had been tied to the driver's seat of the completely burnt Toyota Camry car, which was in a small bush off the road.

Police officers, led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Utako, were seen moving around the car, while medical personnel from the National Hospital arrived at about 10.30 am to take the corpse.

The DPO declined to comment and referred journalists to the FCT Police Command's spokesperson.

FCT Police Spokesman Moshood Jimoh said nobody had been arrested yet and the case had been transferred from the Utako Police Division to the FCT Command for investigation. "As soon as investigations are concluded, our findings will be made known to the public," he said.

Security guards at the Dove Court Garden residential estate close to the scene of the incident, said they noticed thick smoke billowing into the sky sometime between 8.30 and 9 pm on Wednesday.

They said apart from the smoke which they thought was of rubbish being burnt, they did not hear any noise or scream for help.

One of the guards said it was only yesterday morning that people in the estate came out to see the burnt vehicle with a corpse in it.

A bystander at the scene said the late Umar might have been trailed from Area 11, where he resided and killed at Utako.

At the CAC premises, staff wore mournful faces and told our reporters that the deceased closed from work at 7 pm on the night he was killed.

"We just came to the office this morning and learnt of the death of the registrar-general's special assistant," a staff who did not want to be identified said.

He described the late special assistant as a meticulous person and a first class material, who excelled at the law school and at the university.

The staff said an autopsy was conducted on the remains of the special assistant at the National Hospital and the corpse was buried in Abuja after the Islamic funeral prayers.

Head of Publicity at CAC Mr. Churchill Williams said the commission had not released an official statement and referred our reporters to the police.

A resident of the NNPC Estate at Area 11, Abuja, where Umar lived, said of the deceased: "Umar lived the ideal Muslim life. He always made the first row in mosque because he was among the earliest to report for prayers whenever he was around in the NNPC Estate. He used to spend a lot of time in the mosque saying prayers and reading the Qur'an. Whenever the Imam falters in reciting the Qur'an, Umar's deep knowledge of the Qur'an came to the rescue."

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Innalillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun — **Ahmad** 2009-11-13 03:28

May Allah rest his soul in perfect peace and admit him into aljanna firdausi...

The future of the nation is at limbo if some of the greatest human resources we have are made to pay for their uprightness in the most unthinkable manner. I do not think the youth will even venture into the politics of the country.

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Allah Sarki!! — **Pam Ambe** 2009-11-13 06:06

I read the death of late Abubakar on saharareporters which gave us details, i kept on asking myself, why and for what reason? Poor guy!! We might never know, since people have lost confidence in our 'cash and carry' policemen. Whoever committed such dastardly act and think they can get away with it should know that they've murdered sleep!! May they never find peace by the grace of Almighty God! Rest in peace, Abubakar!!

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NO SECURITY IN THIS COUNTRY. — **SHAHEED SANI DANJUMA** 2009-11-13 06:18

I pray that, may his gentle soul rest in peace and pray that may All mighty ALLAH grant him Aljanna firdausi Amin.. Am also praying that who ever is behind this act, inshaallah, ALLAH will expose the person responsible for this act bcoz Allah will not aloud him to have a peace or rest of mind. Am also advicing Nigerian people to know the kind of friends thay make and also kind of places thay visit this end of year period. let every one be security consious.

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late umar — **Aji Isuwa Suleiman** 2009-11-13 07:20

what is Nigeria turning into?! it's like the security system in Nigeria needs to be totally overhaul if not people will just continue to have a filled day on innocent people. Abuja that is suppose to have the best of security network is completely in shambles. can't somebody do something about this?! if people are found not capable of handling situations, PLEASE they should be replaced! it is sad to see these things happening and worse of all the culprit may never be caught as usual. i thought security is one of the 7 point agenda? still there is insecurity just under the nose of Mr President?! Haba!!

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Alhaji — **Hassan MOHAMMED** 2009-11-13 07:47

It is very sad and really disheartening that such things are happening to Nigerians with impunity while the array of Security Agencies we have in Nigeria does nothing to avert such despite their huge budgets. Nigerians may have nothing to do other than taking matters into their own hands. When that happens, that will be anarchy which is not good for a nation. The Police are everywhere on the streets but obviously cannot stop anything from happening to us. Of what use are they to us then? The killing of Abubakar Umar happened right within the City Centre and in the early evening. Where were the Police? This is a serious challenge for Mr. Ogbonna Onovo and his men.

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A FOOD FOR THOUGHT. — **U. Edogamhe** 2009-11-13 08:54

What a shame!Nigeria has relapsed into gangsters fiefdom, where lawless impunity reins supreme, No thanks to PDP. The sanctity of life has no meaning whatsoever in Nigeria anymore. Nobody is safe anywhere in Nigeria any more. This is the reality PDP has bequeathed to Nigerians after more than ten years of inept leardership.

It is sad that anybody could be so barbarically assassinated in our society. Our leadership are more interested in buying 18 or more bullet proof exortic cars for the fleets of certain categories of public servants. 18 ormore cars just for the use of the Speaker of the House?! Sadly it is the same for other many officials of government. This is the kind of leadership that rules the country. Pecuniary self serving needs overriding national interest of public security.

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malam — **kabir** 2009-11-13 09:21

innah lillahi wa innah ilaihi Rajiun. i pray to almighty Allah to grant his gentle soul an eternal rest. And his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

I hope the police and relevant law enforcement agencies will conduct a thorough investigation to get to the very root of the matter, for it may be connected with an attempt to cover up some more heinous crime or to destroy some evidence in this crime infested country. Allah ya gafarta masa. ameen

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M. — **Ahmad Kollere** 2009-11-13 09:25

Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihir-rajiun. I join his family, freinds and colleagues in praying for Allah to forgive all his sins and accept him among the As-salihiin. Abba Umar is a man of decent character. May Allah expose his enemies. Amiin.

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TOP CAC OFFICER — **abubakar chika maru** 2009-11-13 09:56

INNA-LILLAAHI-WAINNA-ILAIHIRAJI'UN. THE DEATH OF ABUBAKAR UMAR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT (SA) TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) IS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL NIGERIANS NOT ONLY HIS FAMILY. I PRAY FOR ALLAH (SWT) TO GRANT HIM ETERNAL LIFE, FORGIVE HIS SIN, AND GIVE HIS FAMILY THE FORTITUDE TO BEAR THE LOST AMEEN.

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Comments — **Sadiq A** 2009-11-13 10:04

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun
May Allah Grnat you jannatul fidaus, ameen kasamu baban shaida. Allah ya jikan ka.



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it is shocking to see how security of life and property is been bastardized without the fear of the Almighty. May his gentle soul rest in peace, and may the Almighty expose the perpetrators of this ungodly act.

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We pray for the soul of the deceased and also pray that Almighty Allah (SWT) grant him Aljannat and give the family the fortitude to bear the loss. This is an inhuman act and urge the police to fish out the culprits and let justice be carried out.

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may his gentle soul rest in perfect peace, because is among the matires, those that would gain aljanatul firdaus. is a promise from God and so shall it be. masalam

[Reply](#)# **mallam – mustapha dabogi** 2009-11-13 11:45

INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILLAIHI RAJI'UN MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE
AMIN (AND MAY ALLAH EXPOSE THOSE BEHIND THE ATROCITY)

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