

Customs officer dies in fire inferno

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

AN Assistant Superintendent of Customs attached to the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport, Muhammad Raji Nuhu Jalla died at the weekend when his residence at Gandun Albasa area of Kano metropolis was gutted by fire. The deceased's family told *Daily Trust* that the incident occurred between 4am and 5:30am, shortly after the Customs officer returned from work. They ruled out the possibility of an electrical fault as the cause of the fire, saying the deceased may have fallen asleep without putting out the candle in his bedroom. A witness said the timely intervention of men of the Kano Fire Service prevented the fire from spreading to other parts of the building. Aged 28, Raji joined the Nigeria Customs Service in 2009, soon after graduation from the Bayero University, Kano (BUK). He left behind his father, mother and several relations, among them is Atiku Saleh Dambatta, an assistant director at the Debt Management Office, Abuja.

Sarkin Ban Kano and District Head of Dambatta, Alhaji Muktar Adnan and member representing Dambatta/Makoda federal constituency, Alhaji Badamasi Ayuba, were among the several sympathizers that condoled the deceased's family members at Gandun Albasa yesterday.

NBA to boycott courts in Adamawa over appointment of CJ

MEMBERS of the Yola branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) have resolved to boycott court sittings from today to protest what they described as the delay in the appointment of a Chief Judge by the state government. The NBA chairman of the branch, Mr UK Damsa told newsmen that the members of the association have decided to boycott court sittings from today to protest what they described as the delay in the appointment of a Chief Judge by the state government. The NBA chairman of the branch, Mr UK Damsa told newsmen that the members of the association have decided to boycott court sittings from today to protest what they described as the delay in the appointment of a Chief Judge by the state government.



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