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Nigeria: Gunmen Kill Businessman in Zamfara

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Gusau — Gunmen suspected to be hired assassins on Monday night shot and killed a prominent businessman, Alhaji Ali Acha Mai-kwai, while driving on his way to Gusau, Zamfara State Police Command said yesterday.

The attack came a day after a renowned Islamic cleric in the state, Alhaji Aminu Abubakar Assamrawi, was killed by a suspected armed robbery gang near Tashar Abu village along Gusau road, as he was travelling to attend Maulud celebration in nearby Maru Local Government Area.

Zamfara State Police Commissioner, Tambari Yabo Muhammad, told Daily Trust that the attackers opened fire on the businessman around 9pm Monday,

while he was driving 5 kilometres to Numbar Bakura in Bakura Local Government Area.

"As a result, the vehicle went into the bush and our policemen who first arrived at the scene met him already dead," he said.

The commissioner disclosed that preliminary investigation has shown that businessman was a victim of assassination, saying "I will rather say it is a case of assassination because his N139, 000 was found in the car, nobody took it."

The police boss also said his men were searching nearby bushes for the attackers.

Meanwhile, Assamrawi's relations have called on government to tackle rising cases of insecurity in the state.

Assamrawi's brother, Dahiru Abubakar Assamrawi, said after shooting the deceased, the hoodlums they ordered another driver to convey the corpse in the deceased car to nearby Maru police division, "to tell them we have killed him."

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