

Gunmen kill Sokoto lawmaker

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Unknown gunmen yesterday shot dead Alhaji Murtala Attahiru Wauru, member representing Gada West Constituency in the Sokoto State House of Assembly.

This came not long after a deputy controller of prisons Alhaji Usman Gwandu in Sokoto was killed by gunmen.

The killing of the state legislator was said to have occurred at about 9:45 pm Monday at Mabera area of Sokoto.

Aged 46, the three-time member of the Sokoto Assembly was until his death the Chairman Committee on Finance and Appropriations. He died a few days to the two years anniversary of the 7th Assembly in Sokoto on June 8. Late Alhaji Murtala Attahiru was generally described as very humble and one of the vibrant members of the House.

When Daily Trust visited his house behind School of Nursing in Sokoto yesterday, nobody was said to have been around. He is survived by two wives, five children and parents.

Addressing journalists on the incident, Commissioner of Police for Sokoto State Shuaibu Lawal Gambo said he visited the scene and from investigations carried out it was discovered that the legislator was traced and trailed by some hoodlums on a motorcycle.

"He was cornered in a very dark area in Mabera where they attempted to snatch his vehicle Honda Anaconda. From examination of the scene of the crime, it was quite obvious that the late member struggled with the assailants because you could see from the shirt it was rumpled and almost torn and we believe it's as a result of the struggle that he was shot," he said.

The police commissioner said from the four empty shells recovered at the scene, it was indicative that the weapon used was AK47.

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