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Gunmen kill abducted ex-Bauchi AG



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The former Accountant General to the Bauchi State government who was abducted Saturday by gunmen, 72-year-old Alhaji Baffa Tilde, was killed yesterday, security and family sources said.

Security sources said the abductors did not make any demand for ransom but remained quiet without contact, giving rise to suspicion of an assassination. Family sources however said the abductors demanded for ransom and they were in the process of negotiating before he was killed.

Residents of the area said his abductors brought him close to an eid praying ground on a motorcycle and shot him three times in his head and fled.

They said sounds of the shooting caused panic among residents of the area.

He has been buried according to Islamic rites. The funeral prayer took place yesterday at the palace of the Emir of Bauchi, Alhaji Rilwanu Suleiman Adamu led by the Chief Imam of Bauchi, Alhaji Bala Ahmed. The chief imam prayed to Allah to forgive his sins and grant him eternal rest.

A family member, who is the North-east Zonal Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Sani Al'amin Mohammed, said Alhaji Tilde left behind three wives, 27 children and over 100 grandchildren. Tilde served as former Accountant General of Bauchi during the Ahmadu Mu'azu administration.

Police spokesman DSP Haruna Moham-med said he heard of the incident but had no details

Six prominent people have been abducted in the state by unknown gunmen, including a House of Assembly member representing Toro Jemaa, Yusuf Nuhu, a former House of Representatives member, Samaila Ilali, who was abducted in Darazo, and a popular business man, Alhaji Manu Soro, who was abducted in Soro.

Others were the son of Bauchi-based businessman, Alhaji Garba Noma, Sanusi Garba Noma, and Danmajen Dambam, Alhaji Iliyasu. Only Tilde was killed in captivity. The others spent days with their captors and were later released but it remains unclear if ransoms were paid for their release.

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