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Senator Na'Allah's son murdered in Kaduna

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he 36-year-old son of Senator Bala ibn Na'Allah, Abdulkarim Bala Na'Allah, was found dead yesterday in his residence at Malali GRA, one of the posh areas in the Kaduna metropolis.

The police say they received a distress call around 4 pm on Sunday and immediately, a team of detectives, which visited

the scene had commenced investigation into the homicide.

Daily Trust reports that until his death. Abdulkarim was an experienced civilian pilot and the eldest son of Senator Na'Allah who had represented Kebbi Central Senatorial District and served as the Deputy Majority Leader in the eighth Senate.

The Special Adviser to the senator, Malam Garba Mohammed, told *Daily* Trust that there was no gunshot wound in any part of the deceased.

He said the late Abdulkarim who recently married had been found in his room, tied and had visible marks suspected to be from strangulation.

Mohammed told our correspondent that the assailants had escaped with the deceased's vehicle and some personal belongings, adding that an alarm that something sinister had occurred in the Na'Allah

home had been raised by a neighbour's security guard.

"The security guard noticed that the gate to the Na'Allah's residence was opened for several hours. So, he raised alarm. The deceased was found in his room. They had tied him and strangulated him. They gained entrance to the house through the roof behind the house and they made their way to his room where they entered through the ceiling," he

said.

Mohammed said a funeral prayer for the deceased was held around 6 pm and he was buried at the Unguwan Sarki cemetery.

Daily Trust reports that Senator Na'Allah was not in the country at the time of the incident.

The Kaduna State Police Command, while speaking on the incident through the Public Relations Officer, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mohammed Jalige, told our correspondent that it was a case of homicide not banditry as being speculated. He said the family had resisted handing over the body to the police for autopsy.

The suspects left with the deceased's vehicle. We had asked the family to release the body for autopsy but they said they would bury him. However, the police will do everything possible to get the criminals," he said.