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Assassins kill Zamfara district head, guard

From Isah Ibrahim, Gusau

SUSPECTED hired killers murdered the 47-year-old District Head of Magamin Tarko in Zamfara State, Alhaji Abubakar Maiyawa Dantoro Magami, at his residence in the early hours of last Sunday. They also killed Magami's guard, Mallam Musa Abubakar.

A source close to the family of the deceased told The Guardian that the killers arrived the house of the late district head at about 3.00 a.m. and asked Abubakar to lead them to Magami's room.

The source added: "When they saw the late district head, they told him that they were there to kill him. The district head pleaded with them to spare his life and offered the assassins his car key and money, which the killers refused to accept. Later, he surrendered and requested that they kill him inside his house.

"When they agreed on this condition by the late district head, they seized him and brutally slaughtered him like a ram before his mother and wives".

The late district head is survived by an aged mother, Hajiya Indo Dantoro, four wives and 18 children.

Governor Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi yesterday condoled with the family of the deceased. Describing the murder as inhuman and barbaric, Shinkafi said he was shocked when he received the tragic news.

He described the deceased as a God-fearing and committed leader and prayed Allah to grant him eternal rest.

Receiving the governor on behalf of the Magami family, the Emir of Kaura, Alhaji Muhammad Ahmad Asha, thanked Shinkafi for the visit and urged the police to arrest the killers.

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