

# Bandits kill NBA official, attack wife in Zamfara

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- **Centre vows to check illicit weapons proliferation, warns against impersonation**

Bandits have killed an official of Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) in Zamfara State, throwing members of the association into mourning.

Chairman of NBA, Gusau branch, Junaidu Abubakar, said in Kaduna, yesterday: “With heartfelt shock, I announce the gruesome murder of an executive council member of NBA, Gusau branch, Ahmad Abubakar.”

According to the NBA boss, the victim, the association’s welfare secretary was murdered about 03.03 a.m., yesterday, at his residence along Mada Road in Kotorkoshi town of Bungudu Local Council.

He said: “According to information we received, the murderers stormed his residence about 00.15 a.m. today (Wednesday) and attacked his wife when she refused to reveal the man’s whereabouts. They beat her mercilessly and she screamed.

“On hearing his wife screaming, the man came out from hiding. The killers dragged him to the back of his house and inflicted machete cuts on his body. They murdered him in cold blood and fled.”

Abubakar described the legal practitioner as a humble and easy-going man.

MEANWHILE, the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW) has assured Nigerians, particularly those in the North West, of its commitment to check proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons in the country.

The Coordinator, North West Zone of NCCSALW, AVM Haruna Mohammed (rtd), gave the assurance in a statement, yesterday, in Kaduna.

According to him, the centre remains the only government body saddled with the responsibility of ensuring the collection, storage, destruction, management and stockpiling of obsolete, seized, unmarked and illegally held small arms and light weapons.

Mohammed disclosed that the centre was established in May 2021 with zonal offices in each of the six geopolitical zones of the country.

The centre, he noted, keeps weapons collected from peace accords or programmes, or those voluntarily handed over, and maintains a national database on small arms and light weapons.

The Guardian gathered that the centre is domiciled in the office of the National Security Adviser (NSA), Abuja, to replace the Presidential Committee on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

The zonal coordinator, however, expressed dismay over the attitude of unauthorised bodies that are parading themselves as local organisation for the control of illicit small arms and light weapons, and creating false impressions of legitimacy and authority.

He, therefore, urged Nigerians to disregard such bodies and report them to security agencies.