

Mark mourns as former Senator, Albishir, dies in auto crash

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SENATE President David Mark literarily wept on Monday when the news of the death of former Senator, Usman Albishir, who died in a ghastly motor accident filtered into town.

Albishir, a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate in Yobe State in the 2011 election, died in a motor accident, which occurred on Monday morning at Kura Local Government Area, off Kano-Kaduna expressway.

According to one of his

aides, the Senator was on his way to Abuja from Kano when the car veered into the bush, where he sustained various degrees of injuries.

Other occupants of the vehicle include his Police orderly, Danladi Musa, and his driver, who were rushed to hospital for treatment.

In his reaction, Mark noted that late Albishir was a patriotic Nigerian who stood to be counted when it mattered especially when it concerned the well being of Nigerians.

In a statement signed by Paul Mume, his Chief Press Secretary, Mark recalled that

late Albishir was in very high spirit a fortnight ago, exchanging banter with colleagues at a public function in Abuja.

"He was a nice man, a fine politician who played politics without bitterness. As a Senator he distinguished himself a statesman who stood for the truth no matter whose ox was gored. The nation was his constituency".

Mark noted that late Albishir was a philanthropist, who touched the lives of many Nigerians irrespective of ethnic or religious leaning.

He therefore urged the government and people of Yobe

State, especially the bereaved family, to take solace in the fact that late Albishir lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation.

"All we need do is to uphold the legacy of selfless service, humility, patriotism, honesty and fairness which Albishir stood for", Mark maintained.

An indigene of Nguru town, headquarters of Nguru Local Government Area of Yobe State, Albishir was elected Senator for the Yobe North constituency at the start of the Nigerian Fourth Republic, running on the All People's Party (APP) platform.