

Day gunmen killed Police Inspector in Bauchi

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THE family of late Babangida Mohammed Danbaba are yet to come to terms with the tragic incident that sent the police inspector to his early grave.

Babangida, a police inspector attached to Government House, Bauchi who is popularly called IBB by his colleagues was shot dead in Bauchi last Sunday by unknown gunmen.

Babangida met his untimely death at the early hours of Sunday, November 18, 2012 on his way from the mosque.

Saturday Independent gathered that late Babangida was shot dead around Nasarawa area of Bauchi metropolis around 5.40 am after praying in a mosque in the area and was walking back home.

The gunmen who followed him immediately he left the mosque shot him thrice, leaving him in his pool of blood.

A source who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity said "That Sunday morning, Babangida and his son woke up early in the morning to go to the mosque as it is the duty of every Muslim to observe early morning prayers before the commencement of the activities for the day but unfortunately Babangida was not aware that he was trailed from the mosque by some gunmen who shot him and escaped immediately after the incident," he said.

One of Babangida's colleagues who described the incident as tragic said "we received a call that one of the security men attached to the Government House



•Mohammed Ladan, Bauchi State Commissioner of Police

was killed by gunmen and was later told it was Babangida and we rushed to the scene of the incident.

"When I saw the lifeless body of my colleague, I could not recognise him because his body was seriously wounded by the bullet wounds. He had about three serious bullet wounds on his body," he said.

Some of the Government House staff who spoke to Saturday Independent described late Babangida as a very accommodating and hardworking person who took his job seriously. "We will miss him because whenever you come to the gate of the Government House, he is the first person you meet. He takes his job seriously and he is a disciplined person who does not tolerate nonsense. It is very unfortunate" one of them said.

Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Ladan had confirmed the incident.

Ladan said the gunmen trailed the victim on his way back from the mosque and killed him saying that the police are still investigating the case. He then

appealed to the people of the state to assist the police with relevant information that could lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of the act.

Narrating the tragic incident, the wife of late Babangida, Hajiya Hauwa Babangida, said "My husband got up early Sunday morning along with one of his sons to go and pray in a nearby mosque in the area. He has been faithful in observing all prayers as a Muslim for the number of years that I have lived with him as a wife.

"A few minutes later, I heard several gunshots. I did not know where the gunshots were coming from, so I came out to ensure that all the doors to the house were properly locked. When the gunshots seized I started hearing people screaming but I refused to go out. It was later that somebody informed me that my husband was attacked and killed by gunmen.

"My husband is a loving and caring man, I wonder why some people will go to the extent of killing him when he had done nothing to offend them," she said.

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