Murder: Gunmen Kill LG Cashier In Sokoto

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A gang of yet-to-be identified gunmen have shot and killed the cashier of Rabbah local government area of Sokoto State, Alhaji Lawal Aliyu Ghandi.

The 45-year-old Lawal Ghandi, husband of two wives and a father of seven children, was reportedly killed shortly after he returned to his house on the day of the incident.

In a condolence message to the deceased's family, the state governor, Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko urged them to take solace in God and also admonished village heads, community elders and the entire villagers to be vigilant and strive towards securing their territories from the hands of enemies.

Sources in the village who spoke with LEADERSHIP on the condition of anonymity said the assailants who appear to be strangers in the village had earlier asked some people in the village for directions to the late cashier's house before the tragic incident.

The sources said the assailants waited for the cashier while moving anxiously within his residence and wasted no time as soon as they saw the late Lawal Ghandi enter his house.

"They followed him into the house and immediately shot at him. He died in the pool of his blood," the source lamented.

LEADERSHIP gathered that one of the deceased's wife's who saw the assailants was brutally beaten and dragged out of the house before they poured petrol on the house and eventually shot at the petrol tank of the murdered Lawal Ghandi's vehicle, resulting into uncontrollable fire that razed the entire house.

The assailants were also said to have shot two other persons who were said to have been within the vicinity at the time of committing the crime.

Confirming the killing, public relations officer of the state police command, DSP El-Mustapha Sani said the two persons who were shot at were currently receiving treatment at a hospital in the metropolis, adding that investigation into the killing had begun.