

Sympathisers Decry Murder Of Gombe Cleric

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Sympathisers have been lamenting the gruesome murder of a renowned Islamic scholar in Gombe State, Sheikh Ibrahim Musa Albani Kuri who was last Tuesday night brutally killed by yet-to-be identified hoodlums at his Tabra Area residence in Gombe metropolis.

The deceased's funeral prayer was attended by some influential Islamic clerics and other top personalities in the state including the Gombe State governor, Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya and other ranking officials of the state government.

Speaking with LEADERSHIP Sunday yesterday, one of his neighbours, Mallam Abdul Rahman Adamu lamented the killing of the famous cleric and called on the state government and security agencies in the state to ensure that the culprits are apprehended and prosecuted in a law court.

Mallam Adamu recalled that he was the last person outside the deceased's house to exchange pleasantries with him that fateful night after the I'sha prayer at a mosque within their vicinity, only to learn at daybreak that the renowned Islamic scholar and good neighbour was massacred the night before.

Adamu described the gruesome murder of his beloved neighbour as an act of cowardice on the part of the killers and prayed God to expose the perpetrators of the dastardly act for subsequent prosecution.

He explained that the perpetrators reportedly gained entry into the deceased residence, who incidentally approached him to give them an unspecified sum of money, which he said he did not have.

"In the process of what ensued between them, we were told that the Sheikh tried to unmask one of the suspected thieves who were all masked with black cloths, but they

vehemently resisted by attacking the Sheikh with cutlasses and knives and one of them eventually hit him with a knife on the chest which resulted to his death," he stated.

He recalled that it wasn't the first time such hoodlums gained entry into the deceased's house in the wee hours, but they usually carted away the late sheikh's foodstuff, unlike that fateful night when the raid turned entirely different by killing of the sheikh.

Mallam Adamu also appealed to the Gombe State government to provide street lights at the Tabra area of Gombe metropolis with solar lights as a security measure to

forestall incessant roaming about or night utterances of men of the underworld.

The Gombe State governor, Muhammadu Yahaya had said shortly after the funeral of the deceased that, "The entire state mourns the loss of this scholar and preacher whose teachings and guidance have touched the lives of countless Muslims."

He described late Sheikh Ibrahim as a fountain of knowledge, understanding and unity, whose teachings transcended boundaries and brought people together. His loss, he said, will be deeply felt by all and his legacy will forever inspire the people.