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Son Admits Killing SSS Officer, Mother, 3 Siblings

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It was rude shock at the Kano State Police Command yesterday as one of the surviving children of Alhaji Garba Bello, the murdered operative of the State Security Service (SSS) confessed that he was the assailant of his parents and three younger siblings who were killed last Monday.

Late Garba Bello was until his death an assistant director of the State Security Services serving in Sokoto State. He was said to be suffering from liver-related diseases which led to him being granted a sick leave to pursue treatment.

The eldest son of the deceased, Bello Garba Bello, better known as Baba, LEADERSHIP learnt, did not hide his offence shortly after he was arrested by the SSS personnel early morning on Tuesday. The police were said to have acted on a tip provided by the other survivor, Farouk, 11, who informed them of Bello's act.

When he was paraded before newsmen, the 23-year-old Physics dropped-out of the Kano State University of Science and Technology (KUST), Wudil, confessed: "I killed my parents and my siblings alone without the help of anybody. It was a sad event and a great loss to our relations."

He said his decision to kill his father and other members of his family was premised on his desire to save the ailing father the trauma he was experiencing due to the man's lingering illness.

Bello who appeared remorseful said he grabbed two knives from the nearby kitchen to attack his family members in an attempt to wipe out all the family members. His account was not coherent as it was punctuated by lengthy breaks.

Family and security sources disclosed that Bello has been a recalcitrant member of the family and has been involved in drug abuse which contributed to his poor performance in school and subsequent dismissal.

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This is very unfortunate. Allah wadaran na ka ya lalace! If his father was suffering from a terminal ailment were the remaining members of his family also sick? Does the solution to the father's sickness lie in his being killed by his own son? I am short of words. Allah ya shirya mana zuri'a, amin.

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