

ACD chieftain's brother murdered

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AS the nation's security agents are struggling to unravel the mystery surrounding the killings of Engr. Funsho

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Williams and Dr. Ayo Daramola, PDP gubernatorial aspirants in Lagos and Ekiti states respectively, assassins again struck on Tuesday in Kaduna killing Alhaji Musa Kalamu, a younger brother of Alhaji Surajo Manchi, a financier of Advanced Congress of Democrats (ACD), Kawo, Kaduna.

Late Alhaji Kalamu was killed at about 8 pm on Tuesday night by a two-man gang which invaded his residence at Kawo New Extension in Kaduna metropolis.

The deceased's wife, Hajiya Aisha Kalamu, who spoke in Hausa, told our reporter that the two gun men entered the deceased's bedroom and asked her, "where is your husband?" Horrified by the presence of the unwanted visitors, the wife managed to tell them that her husband had not returned home.

Unsatisfied with her an-

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swer, she said the invaders forced their way to the deceased's bedroom, where they met him on his bed. She said her late husband engaged the invaders in a fight, which prompted her to shout for help. She said one of the assailants later shot her husband, who fell down and died.

Also speaking with *New Nigerian*, a younger brother of the deceased, Umar, a student of Kaduna Polytechnic, also narrated how the two assailants forced their way into the deceased's premises and tied him to a chair.

"The two persons ordered me to keep quiet, they beat me, searched my room; they took away 11,000 Naira belonging to me and asked for my handset. I told them I had lost my

handset. They then requested for the whereabouts of Alhaji Manchi," he said.

Narrating his ordeal, he said "the duo forced me to give them the GSM number of Alhaji Manchi, saying after they collected it, they promised to come back later."

He said the assailants later made for the door of his elder brother, Alhaji Kalamu, where they engaged him in a scuffle after which he heard a gunshot. Terrified by the gunshots, he said he mustered courage to use his teeth to cut the rope with which he was tied to the chair, and opened the window to call on neighbours, who came to his rescue.

He said he went straight to his later brother's bedroom, only to see him in a pool of his

blood.

When contacted yesterday, the Kaduna State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Sa'ad Yahaya (DSP) told our reporter in his office that he had heard about the incident.

The deceased was buried yesterday at 7.30 am at Kawo New Extension cemetery, Kaduna according to Muslim rites.

When our reporter visited the family house located at 53 Ahmad Amin Street, Kawo New Extension, Kaduna, hundreds of sympathizers were seen thronging the house to pay condolence visit on the bereaved parents of the deceased.

Late Kalamu, in his late 40s, was survived by his wife, three children, brothers and sisters and was a successful business tycoon. He was a fertiliser dealer whose shop is at S.30 Kawo road, Kawo market, Kaduna.

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