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Armed men suspected to be robbers have shot and killed Mr Nasir Saliu, a driver of Senator Ayo Arise, who is a governorship aspirant in Ekiti State, in an incident in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

It was gathered that Saliu's cousin, whose name was given as Moshood, was also shot in the incident, is currently undergoing treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Ibadan.

The sources said 39-year-old Nasir, who was Senator Arise's driver for 14 years, had gone to Ibadan from Ado Ekiti to buy a used (Tokunbo) car and had gone to a branch of a new generation bank where he withdrew N650,000 cash to pay for the car.

"On his way from the bank, he was attacked by armed robbers, who shot him and his cousin, Moshood, who accompanied him to the bank. Saliu died while at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan late Wednesday," it was also gathered.

Meanwhile, authorities of University College Hospital, Ibadan on Thursday confirmed the death of Mr Saliu, a driver to Senator Ayo Arise, a governorship aspirant in Ekiti State.

The Public Relations Officer, UCH, Ayodeji Bobade, who confirmed that the duo was brought to the emergency unit of the hospital on Wednesday, said, "Nasir Saliu died. Moshood still undergoing treatment."

Reacting to the development, Senator Arise, who expressed shock at the death, said "Nasir was like my own son. He has been my driver since 1999, that is 14 years. He left Abuja for Ado Ekiti on Tuesday so that he can pick me up at the Akure Airport on Friday. Yesterday, he decided to go to Ibadan to buy a used car. Now, they have killed him just because of N650,000. This is too heavy a burden for me to bear and I just hope our law enforcement agencies will be alive to their responsibilities in this country."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, DSP Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor confirmed the incident, saying two suspects in connection with the incident have been arrested by the police.

She said "Oyo State Police Command can confirm that two people Nasiru and Moshood Yakubu were attacked on their way from banks on Wednesday. I can also confirm to you that two suspects in connection with the incident have been arrested while police have beefed up security in the area. Two Skynet police squads have been put on stand by in the area while other security matters have also been put in place."

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