

## Makarfi's nephews, niece murdered in Kaduna

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THREE of the four children that were declared missing by their parents on Thursday in Kaduna State have been found dead, with one of them, a girl, still alive.

The three children between the ages of two and four were suspected to have been murdered by yet-to-be identified assailant(s).

*Sunday Tribune* was informed that the four children: Rabi, Aisha, Hamza and Abubakar, were nephews and nieces of the National Caretaker Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Senator Ahmed Makarfi.

They were said to have been taken to the house of their grandfather, Alhaji Hashumu Maiatamfa, who is said to be Senator Makarfi's elder brother, at Surajo Street, Tudun Wada, on Wednesday.

But they were nowhere to be found, when their mother went to pick them.

A search party was organised, but according to a family source who pleaded for anonymity, the children could not be found.

Alhaji Maiatamfa, it was said, even gave the search team N25,000 to aid them in the task.

"We visited over five police stations to inform them about the missing children and posted their pictures on Facebook and WhatsApp to no avail only to discover their corpses this afternoon in an abandoned car inside a neighbours compound," a distraught family source told *Sunday Tribune*.

Earlier, mother of two of the children, Hajiya Hajara had told the *Sunday Tribune* that they were still frantically searching for her

two children and their cousins.

The other two were children of her husband's elder brother.

She said that since Thursday, she could not eat and had been praying to get kids

back.

Explaining how the kids were found, Hajiya Hadiza, their grandmother, who claimed that they were always with her even on that fateful day of their disappearance, tearfully alleged

that the neighbour in whose house the corpses and the surviving child were found, had come to sympathise with them earlier and told them the deceased children had met him and demanded that he should give them

sweets.

Hajiya Hadiza accused the neighbour of having knowledge of what happened to the kids, alleging if he did not know about it, why were the kids later discovered on Saturday around 2.00p.m

inside an abandoned car in his house.

Younger brother of fathers of the children, Abubakar, told the *Sunday Tribune* that the children were discovered by one of the housegirls in the house.

Also speaking, a neighbour who helped the police to retrieve the corpses of the children and pleaded to speak under anonymity, remarked that he discovered that the neck of the deceased children were broken.

As of press time, it was gathered that the neighbour and two housegirls had been arrested by the police, while the survivor was taken to Salamat Hospital for medical attention.

When contacted, the police image maker, ASP Yakubu Sabo, confirmed the incident.

He said a detachment of police had been sent to the area to maintain law and order.



A victim being rescued from the rubble of the collapsed building at Saudi Okeleji Street, Meiran, on Saturday, in Lagos. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA

## Take back your country from APC, PDP tells Nigerians

### Says APC, Mohammed spreading misinformation

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THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has urged Nigerians to take back their country from the All Progressives Congress (APC) before the "ruling party destroys it further."

This charge was given by PDP's spokesperson, Prince Dayo Adeyeye, while speaking with *Sunday Tribune* on the allegation made by the Minister of Information, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, that some individuals were deliberately out to spread false information about the government to discredit and disparage it.

Alhaji Mohammed made the statement in Jos, Plateau State, on Thursday, at the ex-

traordinary meeting of the National Council on Information (NCI), which had the theme *Hate Speeches, Disinformation, Fake News and National Unity*.

According to the minister, the "campaign (to discredit the government) is a multimillion naira project and the people behind this string of hate speech, disinformation and fake news are not about to stop. In fact, they will become more vicious in the days, weeks and months ahead."

But Adeyeye disclaimed the minister's statement, saying "he is actually the one spreading false information and misinforming Nigerians."

"Lai Mohamed thinks ev-

erybody is like him. He is a propagandist; he peddled so many things while he was in the opposition. Naturally, he believes everyone will be like himself; that is not the case. The truth of the matter is that it is the government that Mohammed represents that is telling lies to Nigerians.

"There is nothing that has changed about him and he has been misinforming the public on every issue. Look at the issue of the president's [Buhari] health. He has not yet come out to give the public the clear picture and the truth of the matter."

"They have refused to come clean with Nigerians. If we are to go by his statements when [the late President Umaru]

Yar'Adua was sick and the positions of their party and even what President Buhari said then concerning the state of health of the late Yar'Adua, there is need to call on them to come out openly.

They are just propagandists, even while in office, propaganda cannot in any way replace the truth; truth has caught up with them now and they are complaining."

On the state of the economy, Adeyeye said the APC government had destroyed everything but that Nigerians had been patient enough.

"Everything they met on ground has been destroyed. From being the first economy in Africa, we are not even among the first 10 any longer. Our currency and exchange rate is nothing to write home

destroyed; everything has quadrupled: unemployment, inflation and all others. Nigerians are finding it difficult to eat; I don't really know what Buhari is looking for," Adeyeye stated.

On the possible way forward for the country, he admonished Nigerians to take back their country back.

"The people should be ready to take back the country from them. They don't have any plan for the country at all; they are visionless, and they didn't have anything on ground for the people before coming on board. Nigerians should be ready to take back the country from them."

"APC shouldn't even come out in Anambra State at all. The elections in Anambra, Osun and Ekiti states and

Mother, 4-year-old daughter killed in Lagos collapsed