

Three killed as federal lawmaker, family escape death in Plateau

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THREE persons were killed, while a member of the House of Representatives representing Bassa/Jos North federal constituency of Plateau State, Musa Agah Auta, and members of his family escaped an ambush by gunmen on Tuesday night.

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Nigerian Tribune learnt that the lawmaker, alongside his wife, children, driver and his personal assistant, was ambushed at Twin Hill in Miango chieftdom of Bassa Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that all occupants of the vehicle escaped unhurt, but the car was riddled with bullets by

the gunmen.

A source said: "Although they all escaped unhurt, the car was riddled with bullets as the driver, against all odds, bravely manoeuvred the vehicle amidst the sporadic shootings by the attackers."

It was further gathered that two persons on a motorcycle, identified as Timothy Weyi and Zere Abba, who were in

front of the lawmaker's vehicle, were killed by the attackers, while a woman, Naomi Bitrus, who was on the entourage, was also killed.

Meanwhile, the national leadership of Irigwe Development Association (IDA) has expressed sadness following the ambush and assassination attempt on Honourable Auta.

The IDA, in a statement

signed by its national publicity secretary, Davidson Malison, said "the attack had clearly shown the agenda of the marauders, who at all cost and by all means, are against anything good from the land."

The statement reads: "This attack has again revealed the worrisome, perturbing and disheartening level our security system has become,

where the safety of lives of people is no longer guaranteed and secured.

"It is a sign that terrorists, hoodlums and criminal elements are gradually taking over the nation and its territories.

"To say a federal lawmaker is ambushed means the Nigerian state has turned to a complete failed nation."