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**Vice-President Namadi Sambo**

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President Goodluck Jonathan and his wife, Patience, on Sunday led some top government officials to pay a condolence visit on Vice President Namadi Sambo over the death of his brother, Yusuf.

Yusuf, a pilot, died in the early hours of Sunday in a ghastly motor accident on the Abuja Airport Road at a time the Vice President was representing Jonathan in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania during the country's golden jubilee anniversary.

On arrival in Abuja from the foreign trip, Sambo moved straight to the National Mosque where a brief funeral service was

conducted in honour of the deceased.

His remains were later interred at a cemetery within Abuja.

Jonathan, at the Akinola Aguda official residence of the Vice President, described the days as one of the saddest days for the country.

He described human beings as mere mortals, saying death was a journey everybody must make.

He said, "We are all mere mortals. All of us are from the earth, we must all go back to the earth. We do not know the timing of this journey all of us must make.

"This world is a place where we come to play our different roles. He left too early. Maybe he left when the ovation is loudest. He left at a time we needed him most. But there is nothing we can do."

He also described the circumstances of the deceased's death as saddening.

Sambo in his remarks said the deceased who was his immediate younger brother, was one of the most experienced pilots in the country.

He thanked the President for leading government officials to condole with him.

Special prayers were made for the repose of the deceased's soul.

Some of the early callers at the Vice President's official residence were Governor Ramalan Yero of Kaduna State; Inspector-General of Police, Muhammed Abubakar; Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Bala Muhammed; Minister of Defence, Aliyu Guasu; Minister of State, Defence, Musiliu Obanikoro; other members of the National Assembly, members of the Federal Executive Council as well as other top government officials.

Also Senate President, David Mark condoled with Sambo family over the untimely death of the deceased.

A statement by Mark's Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Paul Mumeh, in Abuja, lamented that Nigeria had lost one

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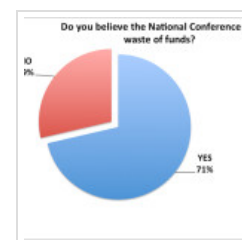
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of its best pilots and officer of very high repute.

He prayed that Almighty Allah would grant the deceased eternal rest and the bereaved family the fortitude to bear the sad loss.

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