

## Gunmen kill PDP chieftains, vigilante in Adamawa, Delta

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Some gunmen on Tuesday killed Ishaya Dauda, a Peoples Democratic Party chieftain in Muchalla ward, Mubi South Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

The leader of Tapital Pulaaku Jode Jam, Abdu Bali, was also killed alongside two other guests at his residence when the gunmen struck on Independence Day.

The state government said the deaths had blackened the country's Independence Day celebration in Adamawa.

The Director General, Media and Communication, Government House, Solomon Kumangar, said Governor Ahmadu Fintiri strongly condemned the killings of some of the states' prominent citizens.

He said, “The Adamawa State Government strongly condemns the killings which have completely blackened the nation’s Independence Day celebrations in Adamawa if you take into cognisance the calibre of people involved.

“We regret the death of Abdu Bali, the chairman of Tapital Pulaaku Jode Jam, who has been working closely with the state government in tackling kidnappings, cattle rustling and clashes between farmers and herders.

“At the same time, the governor is saddened by the killing of Ishaya Dauda, chairman of the PDP in Muchalla ward which also occurred on Independence Day.

“The governor has directed security agencies not to leave any stone unturned in fishing out the killers who have chosen to unleash violence against the state.”

The gunmen had reportedly invaded the residence of Bali at about 8pm and shot their target.

The bodies of the slain men and the injured were taken to the Federal Medical Center, Yola by the Police.

Ishaya Dauda, the slain PDP chieftain was reportedly shot and killed by gunmen who trailed him to his residence.

DSP Suleiman Nguroje, spokesman for the Adamawa State Police Command, DSP Suleiman Nguroje, confirmed the deaths of Abdu Bali and Dauda.

Also in Delta State, the Majority Leader of the Sapele Local Government Area legislative arm, Chief Venture Kagbude was shot dead on Tuesday by suspected assassins along the Sapele-Effurun-Warri Road

Kadugbe was said to have be returning from Okuoke community where he had gone to inspect the house he was building for his mother when the gunmen attacked him.

The Director of Asaba and Osubi International Airport, Austin Ayemidejor, confirming the killing of the lawmaker, describing the death as “sad.”

The state police spokesperson, Onome Onowakpoyeya, said, “I have had you, I will call you.”