Speaker, others mourn as union secretary, wife, daughter killed in crash

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An auto crash on the Kaduna-Abuja Expressway, on Monday, claimed the lives of the Secretary General of the Medical and Health Workers Union of Nigeria, Dr Silas Adamu, his wife and daughter.

It was learnt that Adamu, who was also the National President, Atyp Community Development Association, was travelling alongside with his wife and daughter on the Kaduna-Abuja highway when his car ran into a truck.

A former senator representing Kaduna Central in the 8th National Assembly, Shehu Sani, described the death of the family members as a great loss.

Also, the Chairman of the Northern Speakers' Forum and Speaker of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Yusuf Zailani, said he received the news about Adamu's death with shock, adding that the deceased was also the President of the Tsaunin Kura GRA Residents' Association.

The Speaker in a condolence message signed by his Chief of Staff, Haruna Sambo, and made available to journalists on Tuesday, described Adamu's death as "devastating."

He said, "We have lost a rare gem, who contributed tremendously to his community and our dear state.

"This is coming just a few days to the final of a football competition that is uniting youths in Kaduna metropolis billed for Sunday, March 14 in Sabo GRA in my honour.

"We will surely miss him greatly, but we are consoled by the fact that his works will live long after him.

"I pray God grants him eternal rest and comforts his loved ones."

Zailani urged the Sabo GRA residents, his immediate family, Atyap Community Development Association to take solace in the fact that the deceased lived a fulfilled life.

On their part, members of the Tsaunin Kura GRA Residents Association expressed shock over the death of its president, his wife and daughter.

A statement signed by the association's Public Relations Officer, Mr Jacob Onjewu-Dickson, described Adamu as a man of peace.

The statement read in part, "We are still shocked over the news of the death of our President General from a fatal car accident along the Kaduna-Abuja Highway on Monday, March 8, 2021.

"It is even more saddening that his wife and daughter also lost their lives from the same accident.

"He was not just a philanthropist, but a man committed to preaching peace to all around him.

"In less than a year of his leadership of our community, he impacted several lives individually and all of us as a community."

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