

# Assembly laments as bandits kill lawmaker on Kaduna highway

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Gunmen have killed a member of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Rilwanu Gadagau.

Gadagau, who represented the Giwa West Constituency, was the Chairman of the House Committee on Local Government and Rural Development.

The Clerk of the House, Bello Zubairu, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Kaduna on Wednesday.

The Speaker of the House, Yusuf Zailani, in a statement signed by his Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Ibrahim Danfulan, described the death of the lawmaker as devastating.

The statement said the remains of the lawmaker were discovered in a morgue on Wednesday, adding that Gadagau was among those killed by bandits on Monday on the Kaduna-Zaria highway.

The Speaker said, "He died during a bandit attack along the Zaria highway. This is tragic and painful. We are in deep grief over this sad incident.

"Our prayer at this time goes to his immediate family. Honourable Gadagau was a young and dynamic lawmaker, who had passion for his constituency, state and Nigeria."

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the remains of the lawmaker had been buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

The state Governor, Nasir El-Rufai, was among the dignitaries who attended the funeral prayers.

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He described the late Gadagau as a lawmaker who was committed and dedicated to his constituents and the state at large.

Meanwhile, the Senator representing Kaduna Central Senatorial District, Uba Sani, has taken to his *Facebook* page to mourn the slain lawmaker.

He appealed to the Federal Government to fashion out new strategies and declare total war on the terrorists in the state and the North-West geopolitical zone.

He said, *"I am deeply shocked at the gruesome murder of a young and dynamic member of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Rilwanu Gadagau, by terrorists on the Kaduna-Zaria Expressway.*

*"The perpetrators of this heinous act must be fished out and the full weight of the law brought to bear on them."*