

Gunmen kill El-Rufai's campaign coordinator

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Gunmen yesterday killed the campaign coordinator of Kaduna State Governor-elect, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, in Jama'a Local Government Area of the State, Mr. Markus Ishaya.

The armed men were said to have trailed Mr. Ishaya to his village, Atuku Kasa, in Atuku Ward of the council area.

It was gathered that he

was shot several times by the gunmen.

El-Rufai's spokesperson, Samuel Aruwan, disclosed this in a statement made available to newsmen in Kaduna, adding that the late coordinator worked hard and mobilised a lot of supporters for El-Rufai during the campaigns at the grass-roots.

Aruwan said: "He was the governor-elect's coordinator in Atuku ward and did very well in mobilizing support for APC. His family informed us that gunmen

stormed his residence and shot him several times.

"The men, two in number were well armed and did not pick any property in his residence except carrying out the ungodly act. The Police have confirmed the incident. The police have also visited the scene of the crime and have commenced investigation.

"While we appreciate their prompt action, our expectation is that the security agencies will fully investigate this killing and prosecute the perpetrators.

"Security agencies must adequately protect all Nigerians irrespective of their status and standing."

Condoling with the family, Malam El-Rufai, who prayed for the soul of the deceased, said: "Our empathy and prayers go to the family of Mr. Ishaya and the entire community over this callous murder and desecration of human life.

"May God grant his soul eternal rest and give his family and friends the fortitude to bear this painful loss."

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