

Bauchi lawmaker's son killed by suspected kidnappers

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THE eldest son of Bala Ali, member representing Dass constituency in the Bauchi State House of Assembly, has been killed by suspected kidnappers.

The sad news was disclosed by member representing Burra constituency, Ado Wakili, at a plenary of the House, on Tuesday. The plenary was presided over by the Deputy Speaker of the House, Danlami Ahmed Kawule.

Spokesperson of Speaker Abubakar Suleiman, Abdul Burra, explained that the announcement of the loss was part of proceedings of the assembly during plenary on Tuesday.

Burra said Wakili disclosed the information on the murder of their colleague's eldest son by suspected kidnappers was done under personal explanation. He said Wakili extended his condolences to members on the murder of their colleague's son, describ-

ing the incident as tragic.

The lawmaker, Burra revealed, prayed to God to forgive the deceased, and grant him eternal rest.

Responding to the motion, Kawule directed that a special prayer be conducted for the deceased, which was said by Bello Shira (Shira Constituency). The deputy speaker then announced that the lawmakers would pay a condolence visit to the bereaved member and his family immediately after plenary.

The Speaker's spokesperson said that another member, Baballe Dambam (Dambam/Zagaya/Jalam Constituency), disclosed that the deceased was kidnapped by gunmen who held him for days and subsequently killed him.

Dambam described the incident as shocking and disturbing, disclosing that funeral prayers for the deceased had already taken place.

Former member representing Dass Constituency, Musa Baraza, was attacked and killed on August 14, 2020, by yet to be identified gunmen.

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he is receiving treatment in the hospital. No life was lost and the police have moved into the place. No arrest has been made, but normalcy has returned to the place."

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Government has commenced investigation into the transport union fracas which occurred at Iyana-Iba and Lagos Island, in the early hours of yesterday.

The state government condemned the unruly act of members of the Road Transport Employers Association

of Nigeria (RTEAN) in some areas, and warned them not to disrupt the peace and tranquility being enjoyed in the state.

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Sola Giwa, gave the warning yesterday after the fracas that broke out in some parts of the state, following a protest by some RTEAN union members who were demanding the removal of the national president of the association.

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