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Gunman kills ECWA pastor



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A newly ordained pastor of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) of Toro District Church Council, Rev. Isah Nanaf, has been assassinated at Toro village in Bauchi State. The late reverend was said to have been shot several times at close range by a gunman. Nanaf left five children and a pregnant wife.

The assailant, whose name has not been disclosed, has been arrested by the police at the village.

The Public Relations Officer of ECWA Headquarters, Jos, Rev. Romanus Ebenwokodi, disclosed the assassination to journalists in his office yesterday, said the remains of the pastor had been deposited at the morgue of Bingham University Teaching Hospital (BUTH).

He said: “The entire ECWA community received with shock the assassination of one of our pastors in Toro, Bauchi State Sunday evening.

“The assassinated pastor was, a few days ago, shot several times in his neck, heart, stomach and at the pelvis by a gunman.

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“The late Nanaf was standing by the road side near the ECWA DCC Toro waiting to board a vehicle when the gunman, who was standing across the road, moved closed to him and shot him at a very close range.

“Those who rushed Rev Nanaf to the hospital after the attack said he died on their way to the hospital due to excessive loss of blood. The hospital confirmed there was an internal bleeding.”

“The police, who arrested the suspected gunman, are yet to tell the church what led to the attack. The police have been unnecessarily quiet since the incident. But we hope they will deliver justice for this innocent man.

“The late pastor was killed in cold blood at a time his wife, Mrs. Rafinda Isah, is pregnant with their sixth child. It has been difficult for the wife and children to bear this sudden death of their bread winner.

“This kind of assassination has not happened to us as a church in recent time. The church is hereby demanding justice for the pastor, the church and the family of the deceased.”



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