

Gunmen kill Bauchi lawmaker's son

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Gunmen have killed the eldest son of a member of the Bauchi State House of Assembly, Bala Ali, the member representing Dass constituency.

The sad news was disclosed by the 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.

Abdul Burra, spokesperson of the Speaker, Abubakar Su-leiman, explained that the announcement of the loss was part of proceedings of the Assembly during plenary on Tuesday.

Burra said Wakili disclosed the information of the murder of their colleague's eldest son by suspected kidnappers under personal explanation.

He said Wakili extended his condolences to members on their colleague's family, describing 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. It could be recalled that similar incident happened with the former member representing Dass Constituency, Musa Baraza, who was attacked and killed on August 14, 2020 by yet to be identified gunmen.

The victim's two wives and one year old child were also abducted by the gunmen, but they were later released after several days in captivity.