

Lamido's Aide Killed

Jigawa state was thrown into deep mourning yesterday as news of the assassination of the Special Adviser to Governor Sule Lamido on Revenue, Alhaji Alkassim Ahmed Gwaram spread through the state.

The Special Adviser was murdered in his private residence in Ungwar Uku, Naibawa quarters, Kano Sunday evening shortly after the magrib (early evening) prayers.

According to family sources, late Gwaram had gone to the mosque to say his early evening prayer and was returning when he was attacked inside his compound by men suspected to be assassins.

Mallam Aminu, a neighbour told THISDAY that his

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assailants attempted to behead him with a machete. He said, "When he returned, he entered through the side gate of his house. Unknown to him, some people were lurking inside the darkness in his compound and when he entered, one of them dealt him a heavy blow behind the neck with a machete.

"He probably turned intuitively to defend himself and he was struck on his left arm. After felling him, the assassins removed his trousers and dragged him in between two cars parked in his compound. They took the key to his Honda Accord 2003 (end of discus-

sion) and drove off."

The younger brother of the deceased, Bala Ahmed Gwaram explained that the family suspects that the murder was carried out by hired killers. He said the assailants did not enter the house. "They waited for him, killed him and took his car which was parked outside the compound.

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