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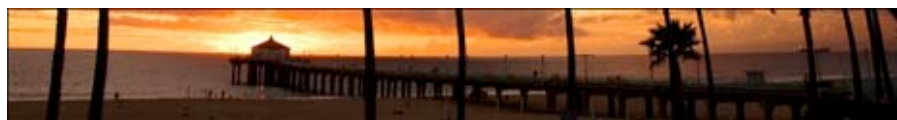
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Maiduguri — The Eid-el-Fitri festive mood in Borno State yesterday turned into mourning as news filtered into the state, that the deputy governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state in the last April general election, Alhaji Saidu Pindar, had died in a fatal motor accident.

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Pindar was said to have been involved in a motor accident along Kaduna/Zaria expressway yesterday. He was believed to be travelling from his base in Abuja to Borno, his state of origin.

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Many homes in Biu, where he was expected to join family members and friends to celebrate the Eid-El- Fitri ceremony, were in tears.

When calls were put through to some of his family members and political associates to confirm the incident last night, they were incoherent as they expressed disbelief over the death of the PDP chieftain.

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However, spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, Mr. Aminu Lawan confirmed the incident, saying it involved Pindar's vehicle and two others; a trailer and a Mercedes Benz car, at Farakwai, Kaduna State, all heading to Zaria.

He said Pindar, was rushed to the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) in Shinka, where he gave up, nothing that the police was investigating the cause of the accident, since the three vehicles involved were all heading the same direction.

Pindar, who was born on January 1, 1955, attended Government Secondary School, Yelwa in Maiduguri, before proceeding to Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, where he read Electrical Engineering. He also attended University of Science and Technology in Manchester, United Kingdom (UK) in 1984.

He once worked at the Borno State Radio and Television (BRTV) and later proceeded to the State Security Service before joining politics. His was appointed Nigeria's ambassador to Sao Tome and Principe during Former President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration.

Pindar, after losing his aspiration to become PDP's governorship candidate in the last election, was subsequently selected as the running mate to Alhaji Mohammed Goni.

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