

Senator Blames FG for Federal Lawmaker's Death

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A member of House of Representatives representing Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency, Mr. Haruna Maitala Friday passed on in a fatal road accident along the Abuja-Jos expressway.

Maitala's passage elicited anger and disappointment among the people of Plateau State yesterday with the Senator representing Plateau North, Istifanus Gyang ascribing it to the failure of the federal government to construct the expressway.

These were revealed in separate statements by Maitala's media consultant, Mr. Joseph Adudu and Gyang's media assistant, Mr. Musa Ashoms.

In his own statement, Adudu said: "This is to announce the death of Honourable Haruna Maitala which occurred April 2 as a result of a fatal road accident on his way to Jos from Abuja.

"Until his death, Maitala was the member representing Jos North/Bassa federal constituency in the National Assembly. He would be buried this morning according to Islamic rite."

Describing Maitala's death

as shocking and devastating, Gyang lamented that the road crash would not have happened if the Abuja-Jos expressway was not deplorable.

Gyang noted that Maitala's death brought "to the fore the deplorable state of our road infrastructure, particularly the Jos-Akwana, Jos-Barda-Keffi highways and the need for reconstruction by the federal government."

The senator noted that the deceased had a gentle, steady and unassuming personality, and related well with his colleague legislators.