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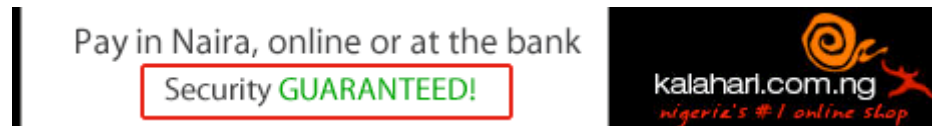
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Written by Hassan Ibrahim  
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Unidentified gunmen, at the weekend, trailed an Islamic scholar in Zaria, simply identified as Mallam Jafar, and shot him at his Jushi ward residence.

Although no person or group has so far claimed responsibility for the killing, his younger brother, Mohammed Bello, had alleged that the gunmen were sent to the cleric.

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Although, the police in the area could not be reached for comment, people living near the area alleged that it was a robbery case.

However, Bello told newsmen that his late brother had interacted with people from all walks of life, including politicians, security personnel, businessmen and so on, concluding that perhaps things might have gone wrong somewhere and considering the flamboyant appearance of the gunmen, they could be hired killers.

“There are other wealthy people in the area, but they singled out my brother. So, perhaps, there was a secret deal between him and some other people which we don’t know. But we strongly believe that they have been sent to kill my brother,” he said.

But spokesman of the police command in Kaduna State, DSP Aminu Lawan, who confirmed the incidence, said that investigation was on but it was most likely to be a robbery case, since the killers had fled with the cleric’s car.

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