

One policeman killed, another injured as Bwari LG boss escapes assassination

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ABUJA—THE chairman of Bwari Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory, Isa Dara Bwari narrowly escaped death from suspected assassins Sunday night. It was gathered that the men numbering 10 came to the official residence of the chairman at about 7.45 pm Sunday night as Economic and Financial Crime Commission {EFCC} operatives to arrest the Chairman. But the constable, Abdul Lasisi at the gate asked them to wait for him to make phone calls to the appropriate quarters before they can be asked in, only for him to be shot dead immediately by one of the men.

According to the eyewitness who spoke with Journalists in Bwari yesterday, the other Corporal, Isaac Isyaku who tried intervening was shot in the leg for daring to ask questions and he is presently receiving medical attention in one of the hospitals in Bwari.

But the chairman was lucky as he was not in his residence as at the time of the incident and attempts to talk with him

proved abortive.

When Journalists visited the scene, the House of Representatives member from the Federal Capital Territory, Honourable Sidi Ali, Chairman, Kuje Area Council, Alhaji Jibrin Wowo and the Chairman, PDP, FCT, Alhaji Alhassan Gwagwa were at the chairman's residence to sympathise with him over the ugly incident that almost took the life of the chairman.

Speaking with Journalists, the Senior Special Assistance to the Chairman on Political matters, Isa Abdullahi Abara who said the chairman was not in the true frame of mind to talk to journalists as he was still trying to get over the shock, explained that the chairman was not happy over the development, even as he said that what happened will not deter Isa Dara Bwari as his political detractors were at work, adding that come 2007, he will return as the chairman of the area Council.

Attempts to get the commissioner of police, FCT, Mr. Lawrence Alobi to comment on the issue was not possible.