

Jikantoro, Niger House Speaker dies at 44

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MINNA— SPEAKER Niger State House of Assembly, Alhaji Alhassan Usman Jikantoro is dead.

Aged 44, the late speaker died in a ghastly motor accident in Kwakuti Village along Minna – Suleja road on Saturday.

The late speaker was said to have traveled to Kaduna and Abuja on the fateful date and was said to be returning from Abuja on the same day when he met the untimely death around 9 pm.

He was said to have run into a pothole and lost control, which led to the car to summersault severally. He died on the spot.

Alhaji Jikantoro who was one of the longest serving speakers in the country having served the State in the same capacity for two terms consecutively won the ticket

of the State House of Representatives just two weeks ago under the platform of the PDP to contest the 2007 elections.

Because of his meritorious service to the State, he was advised by the State PDP to drop his earlier decision to go to House of Representatives and instead adopted as the deputy governor to the newly elected governorship candidate of the State on the platform of the PDP for next year.

The late speaker who had also served the State as acting governor in the first term of governor Abdulkadir Kure hailed from New Bussa in Borgu Local Government area of the State.

He was also the immediate past chairman of the Northern State Speakers Forum for several months during his tenure as a legislator.

Married with two wives, Alhaji Jikantoro was survived by aged parents and children.