

PDP chieftain murdered in Minna

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MINNA—WHILE politicians were warming up for the celebration of this year Democracy Day which is the one year in office of the present administration, the family of Alhaji Baba Nda Isah who is the ward secretary of People Democracy Party (PDP) Lemu ward in Niger State was thrown into a mournful state when he was gruesomely murdered by people believed to be political assailants.

The incident occurred last Thursday at about 2 a.m in front of his house in his village in Lemu area.

Vanguard gathered that late Baba Isah was called out of his room around 2 a.m on the fateful day for a "rescue mission" by his assailants who were said to be up to six in numbers.

They claimed that they have been arrested by a vigilante group in the town and that since he was a politician in the area, he would be able to identify them and set them free from the vigilante group.

Late Isah, it was gathered, rushed out from his room and before he could ask any question, he was rushed and slaughtered and left in a pool of his blood at his door step.

The wife of the deceased who overheard the call of her husband, his response and the subsequent shout for help when he was being slaughtered also rushed out to the scene.

However, the dastardly mission had already been completed as she only rushed out to meet his husband in the pool of his own blood while the suspected assailants had already fled.

The wife was said to have been able to identify the voice of two of the assailants which eventually led to their arrest and now in the CID custody helping in their further investigation.

Our correspondent reliably gathered that the late secretary had been engaged in a political tussle with a group of politicians in his ward who accused him of a stolen mandate.

He was accused by the opponents of being imposed on the people by a godfather in Minna which they vowed to resist.

Contacted, spokesman of state police command ASP Richard Oguche confirmed the story adding that three people have already been arrested in connection with the gruesome murder of late secretary.