

5 suspected assassins kill Fulani leader in Kwara

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1 FIVE suspected assassins, yesterday killed a Fulani leader, Abdullahi Buruku, popularly known as Alhaji Malam, in Lamba town, Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State.

One of the younger sisters of the deceased, Aina'u Hardo Buruku, while confirming the incident, said he was murdered in his bedroom by the gunmen.

She said, "The gunmen must have been people who knew him closely. They went straight to his bedroom and fired several gunshots at him in the chest. Only God knows why, because we didn't suspect anything."

Contacted, Kwara State Public Relations Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, who confirmed the killing, said officers in the Criminal Investigations Department of the command have been deployed to the town to investigate the incident.

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Relatively, three members of the same family were killed, Monday night, by suspected assassins in Awonmama, Oru East Local Government Area of Imo State, while four houses and two cars were also razed.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, yesterday, a family source said aside from the youth leader of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in Imo State, Kenneth Amukaamara, that was earlier reportedly killed, two other family members, Eugene Anyia Amukaamara and Adaeze Anyia Amukaamara, were also killed.

According to him, "We lost three

persons in the family, Kenneth Amukaamara, a youth leader of the PDP, in Oru East Local Government Area; Eugene Anyia Amukaamara and Adaeze Anyia Amukaamara. The matter is that they were murdered and we cannot say those who carried out this wicked act.

"Four houses were burnt including two cars. However, the security agencies must find out those responsible. This is what I can say for now.

"We are pleading that the security agencies should be fast enough to bring those behind these acts to face the law. This is wicked and it is not acceptable by anybody."

At the time *Vanguard* called the Imo state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Bala Elkana, he asked for more time to make inquiries on the incident.

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Meanwhile, the body of a young herder, identified as Hamisu Bello, was reportedly recovered in a forest in Rafin Dadi, Kaninkon Chieftdom, Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State with deep machete cuts.

It was gathered that the Defence Headquarters outfit operating in the Southern Kaduna general area, *Operation Safe Haven, OPSH*, reported the recovery to the Kaduna State government.

Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who revealed this, yesterday, quoted the military as saying that the killing was a reprisal attack.

Preliminary investigations by the military revealed that Bello went to the area to graze cattle, and did not return home, prompting a search that led to the discovery of his corpse.

Further checks by the military indicated that he was killed by aggrieved locals following the killing of four farmers in Goska, the same LGA.

Aruwan said the state Governor, Ahmed El-Rufai, has appealed to all residents to maintain recourse to law, and not engage in reprisal

Gov Ortom's security aide, Dega, killed in Jos restaurant

•Ortom urges security agencies to fish out killers

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MAKURDI—UNKNOWN armed men reportedly killed the Senior Special Assistant to the Benue State Governor on Security, Assistant Inspector General of Police (retd), Christopher Dega.

According to a family source, the retired Police chief was on Tuesday attacked and shot several times on his chest by unknown assailants at a restaurant in Jos, the Plateau State capital where he travelled to on a private visit.

An indigene of Benue State from Shitile in Katsina-Ala Local Government Areas, Dega served as Commissioner of Police in Borno and Edo states.

He was later promoted to the rank of AIG and posted to Zone 8, Lokoja, Kogi State where he served until he retired from service.

Confirming the incident, yesterday, Plateau State Police Command's spokesman, Ubah Ogaba, said in Jos that the incident occurred at a restaurant in Jos South Local Government Area of the state on May 31 at about 8:30 p.m.

He said: "On a sad note, we received an ugly report of the death of retired AIG Christopher Dega.

He was shot dead by three yet-to-be identified gunmen in an isolated restaurant at Bukuru, Jos. He arrived in Jos from Makurdi on the same date at about 7:30 p.m.

"From the investigation so far, it appeared that he was trailed and later shot."

Ogaba said some suspects in connection with the murder had been arrested. He also said the command had commenced investigation into the occurrence.

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Meanwhile, Governor Samuel Ortom has described the murder as a huge blow to his administration and the entire state.

Condemning the assassination, yesterday, in Makurdi, Ortom lamented that the retired AIG was very active even in retirement, saying it was painful that he was gunned down in such a gruesome manner.

"Retired AIG Dega served with me and this is someone who had retired but was not tired and was very active. So for him to have been murdered in the manner they did, a retired AIG gunned down. This is very sad."