

Terrorists kill Kaduna PDP councilorship candidate, brother



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A Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, councilorship candidate in Pari Ward of Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Mr. Raymond Timothy, and his brother, James Timothy, have been killed by terrorists.

Confirming the incident, Barnabas Chawai, a PDP chieftain in the council said the brothers were killed on Sunday while returning from a political campaign in Kizachi village of Pari Ward, Kauru council. "They were shot and killed on their motorcycle," he said, alleging that the killing could be politically motivated.

He called on security agencies to find the perpetrators and bring them to book, saying "Drastic measures need to be put in place to forestall further occurrence as we approach the October 19, LG polls. The victim left three children and the wife is pregnant and expecting a fourth child."

Secretary to the Village Head of Kizachi, John Wanneh, said they were together with the victim at 6p.m., and parted ways for him to return home to Bakin-Kogi.

"It was not more than 10 to 15 minutes when we parted ways that we heard gunshots around some guinea corn farms. Honestly, we can't tell the people that committed this crime or say the killing was connected to politics or not. We are appealing to the government to help construct a bridge and road for easy accessibility in an emergency.

"Security operatives cannot enter the village now because of the bad nature of the road and there's a river which they cannot cross, that has been our situation for long," he said.

The Kaduna State Police Command was yet to react to the incident at press time.

Meanwhile, Senator representing Southern Kaduna Senatorial District, Sunday Katung has condemned the killing of the two brothers in Kauru.

In a statement, yesterday, Katung stated that he received an alarming report about the killing of Raymond Adai, a councilorship candidate for Pari Ward in Kauru council of Kaduna State, for the October 19, LG elections, and his younger brother, James Timothy.

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"Mr Adai, a councillor candidate of the PDP, and his younger brother were attacked and killed on September 29, 2024, while on their way back from a political campaign in Kizachi Village of Pari ward. More worrisome is the fact that Mr. Timothy left behind a pregnant wife and three children.

"I am saddened and appalled by this barbarity, which I condemn in its entirety. This ugly type of politics has no place in a civilised society like ours. It is unacceptable and must be rejected by all lovers of peace. The government's primary responsibility is the security and welfare of its people, consequently, I once again reiterate my previous call on the Government of Kaduna State to thoroughly investigate and address these recurrent security challenges in our state, especially in Kauru Local Government, to ensure that our citizens are well protected."