

Bandits Kill College Director After N20m Ransom

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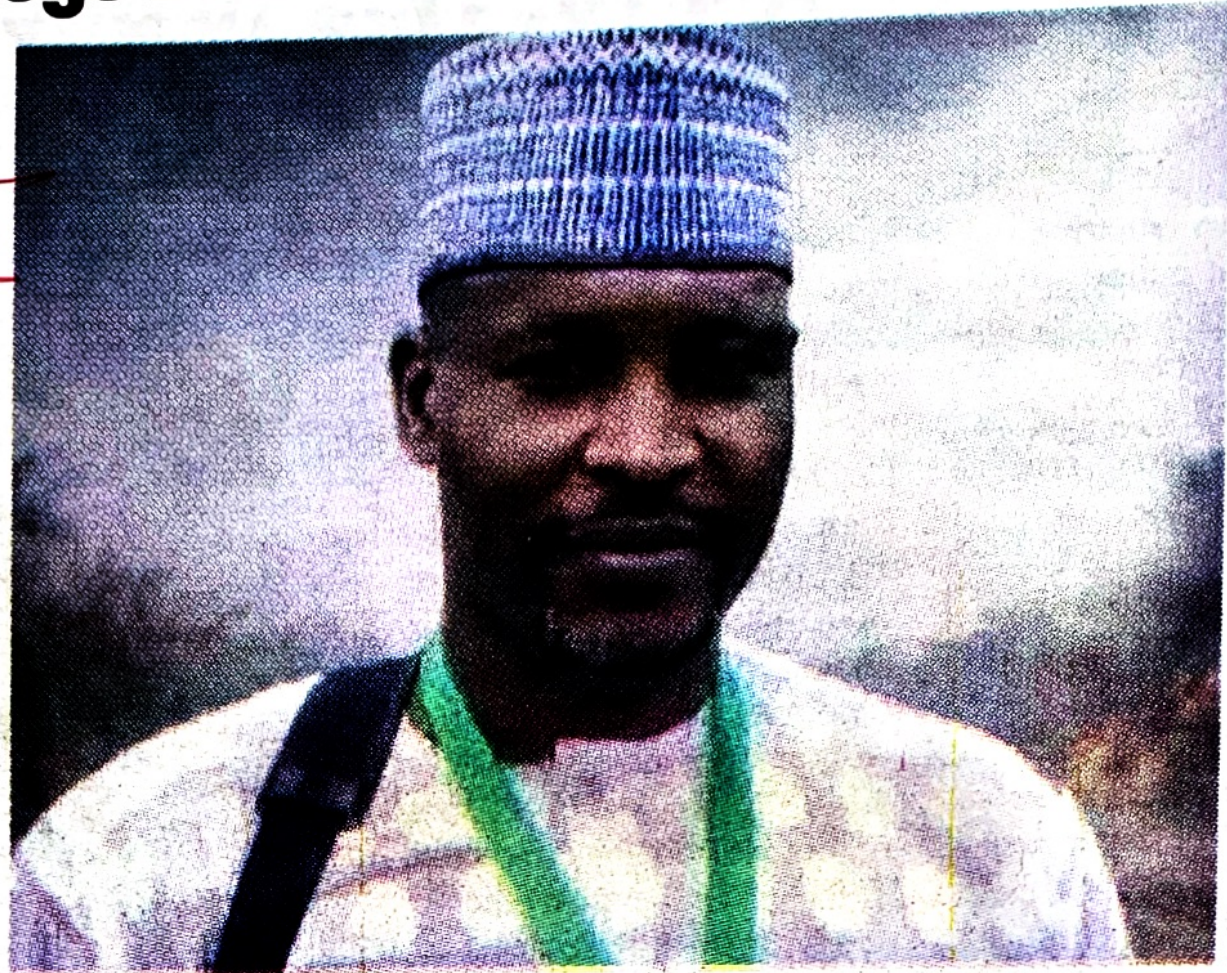
Bandits have killed a senior staff member of the Zamfara State College of Education in Maru, Bashar Sani, who was abducted on December 22, 2025 along with his wife, Rashida Bashar.

Sani, the director, Management Information System unit of the college, was killed even after his family paid a ransom of N20 million, three motorcycles and N150,000 worth of call cards.

This was confirmed by his younger brother, Hassan Sani, who stated yesterday that Bashar spent 42 days in captivity before the family could pay the ransom.

"Bashar was abducted alongside Rashida and 14 other women, and he was the only male among the kidnap victims. He was also the only one killed. According to the women, Bashar was severely beaten by the bandits.

He had a fractured leg and multiple injuries and eventually died while in captivity.



"He passed away before the ransom was paid, but they did not inform us. We only learned of his death after the women were released in February," Hassan said.

Hassan, who was also abducted, recalled that in 2022, the bandits had attacked Bashar's residence and kidnapped his two wives, Nafisa and

Rashida, who were released after the family paid N2 million and N30,000.

"That was the first incident. A few months later, the bandits returned to the community and attacked my house. I hid, and the bandits asked my wife about my whereabouts. She said I had travelled, so they left.