

Ex-APC chairman dies in bandits' captivity in Kebbi

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A former chairman of the Kebbi State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Alhaji Muhammadu Besse, who was abducted earlier in June, has died in bandits' captivity.

This was disclosed yesterday in a post on X by a journalist, Bakatsine, who reports on conflict and insecurity in the North West region.

Earlier in the month, a video had emerged, showing Besse and his associate being humiliated by bandits in the Birnin Gwari Forest.

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“Devastating update: Alhaji Muhammadu Mai Barga Besse, the immediate former APC Chairman of Koko/Besse LGA in Kebbi State, has now been confirmed dead in captivity. “This means both men seen in the videos released from the Birnin Gwari Forest have lost their lives without ever reuniting with their families after their abduction.

“What began as disturbing footage of humiliation has ended in the worst possible tragedy. Two lives gone, two families shattered and more painful questions about the security crisis facing communities across northern Nigeria.

“May Almighty Allah forgive them, grant them Aljannatul Firdaus and comfort their loved ones,” Bakatsine wrote.