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Gunmen kidnap mother of Sokoto politician

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A 75-year-old mother of the governorship candidate of the defunct All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) during the 2011 elections in Sokoto State, Alhaji Yushe'u Kebbe, has been kidnapped by unknown gunmen.

Hajiya Fatima Muhammed was kidnapped last Wednesday at her residence in Kebbe Local Government Area around 8:00 pm.

The gunmen were said to have fired several gunshots, killing a 25-year-old and injuring two others before abducting the old woman.

An eyewitness, Ashiru Muhammad Sani, told Daily Trust on Sunday that the six gunmen came on three motorcycles and parked some metres away from Fatima's house, adding: "When they brought her outside, they wanted to force her to sit on one of the motorcycles which she refused amidst screaming for help.

The gunmen, after realising that people were coming out in response to Hajiya's calls for help, started shooting sporadically as a result of which a stray bullet hit and killed one man, while two others sustained injuries."

Kebbe said: "It is true that my mother has been kidnapped. This is only what I can say for now apart from seeking for fervent prayers

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from the public for her safe return to her family.”

Spokesman of the state's police command, Mr Sabo Kurawa, said the kidnappers were yet to either contact the police or the family of the woman.

He said that the police were “however soliciting the support of the public to render any useful intelligence reports that may lead to the successful rescue of the kidnapped woman.”

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