

"We also learnt that they vowed to continue killing people in the community unless certain amounts of money are paid to them. We have reported this to the police," he said.

In one of the audio messages, purportedly by one of the kidnappers who identified himself as Audu Saninka Bala'l, Saninka Masifa and based in Zamfara State, the group said they were responsible for several abductions and killings in the town, including that of a pregnant woman in September last year. He said they were sponsored to kill Alhaji Saminu.

In a recorded discussion, when asked how he could be reached for the money, the kidnapper said, "As soon as the money is ready, link up and I will tell you how to find me. Before I killed him, he gave me his friends' numbers. He told me everything.

"If you want me to stop these killings, raise the said amount and I will disclose the location of my sponsor so you can get to him. He lives among you; we only communicate on phone and meet at designated places.

"If you have the money, in less than 20 minutes come along Zamfara road from Jibia. You must come alone. If we see any security vehicle you will go in for it.

"The moment the money is paid, all these killings will stop and I will expose those doing it.

"Your safety is guaranteed. And you will give me the money in public. If you can arrest me, let's see how. When you get to Gurbi, call me. This is a secret: I will tell my sponsor to let go or I will expose him. If you want me to kill him I will do so."

He mentioned eight other people on his target list, as well as those he killed in the past. "I kidnapped and killed that pregnant woman. I also killed Na Uruku and one petroleum station owner two years ago. There was also a kolonut seller. They refused to pay and I killed them."

Asked how he gets his weapons, the kidnapper laughed and said the security operatives are compromised, adding that they know what to do.

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