

Kidnappers kill victim after collecting N1.5m ransom in Kaduna

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Suspected kidnappers have killed one Sani Khalil after collecting 1.5 million naira as ransom in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Daily Trust on Sunday had reported that the victim and his two friends were attacked by criminals along Rigasa-Link road during during which one Auwal Rabi, a youth leader was killed while he (Khalil) was seized by the kidnappers.

A resident of the area and neighbor of the victim, who confirmed the incident, said he was killed after his family and friends had paid N1.5 million ransom to secure his freedom.

"They killed him after collecting 1.5 million naira ransom. It was his family and friends that contributed the money. After it was delivered to them in the bush, they still killed him. He was a big brother to me.

"We have not seen his dead body because we are all afraid to go to the bush to pick the body. So, a special funeral was performed for him at his family house around 11am Saturday," he said.

The State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, confirmed the killing of the young man in a statement issued yesterday.

He said the late Sani Khalil was killed after almost two weeks in captivity but was silent about the claims that ransom was paid to the kidnappers before killing the victim.

According to him, the state government has sent condolences to his family.

In another development, Aruwan said the military and police on Friday night foiled an attack by armed bandits in Kasuwan Magani community, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

He said the armed bandits shot one Alhaji Ahmadu Suleiman, a Fulani leader in the area but he survived with bullet wounds and was rushed to an undisclosed hospital in Kaduna.