

NASARAWA

Gunmen kidnap Keffi LG chair, driver, kill police orderly

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Gunmen have abducted the chairman of Keffi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, Mr Muhammad Shehu, alongside his driver, and murdered his police orderly.

Findings by *Daily Trust on Sunday* indicate that the deceased officer, Sergeant Alhassan Habeeb, before his death, was a 400-level student of the Nasarawa State University, Keffi, studying Sociology.

Our correspondent further learnt that the Keffi council boss was on his way from Keffi to Lafia to attend a meeting when his abductors accosted him along the Gudi Station in Akwanga Local Government Area of the state and kidnapped him and his Special Assistant on Special Duties.

It was learnt that the police sergeant attached to the chairman, late Habeeb, who was shot dead on the spot, had a gun battle with the kidnappers while trying to protect the chairman.

"The gunmen mounted roadblocks along the Keffi-Akwanga Road and shot sporadically into the air which compelled them to stop their vehicle before they were kidnapped," the source added.

The Commissioner of Police, Nasarawa State command, Mr Adesina Soyemi, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said operatives have taken over the location of the attack to rescue the victims and arrest the kidnappers.