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# Woman gives birth in bandits' den, baby killed, bleeding mum freed

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An abducted housewife, Mrs Shamsiya Mustapha, has delivered a baby boy in a bandits' den in Kagarko LGA of Kaduna State.

City & Crime had reported that the woman, her husband and her 16-year-old daughter, Mahapuza Mustapha, were abducted in their residence in Janjala community in Kagarko LGA on February 5, 2023.

The bandits later freed the

husband, Mustapha, after they collected N2m ransom, including a brand new motorcycle and foodstuff, and held on to his pregnant wife and the daughter, demanding another N2m ransom before they would be set free.

Confirming the incident to our reporter through telephone on Tuesday, a relation of the victim, Yakubu Dati, said the woman delivered the baby on Sunday, but that the bandits killed the baby and freed the woman who was still bleeding.

He said the bandits were still holding onto the daughter, demanding N1.5m for her freedom.

He explained that, "The woman was over seven months pregnant when she was abducted. On Sunday, the bandits' leader called the family that they should come and pick the woman as she had delivered.

He said when the family tried to find out about her condition and her newborn baby, the bandits' leader said they had

killed the baby and buried it.

He further said, "So, all the family did was to go and pick up the woman at a location they dropped her. She is on treatment in a private hospital in Kagarko town."

The Madaki of Janjala, Samaila Babangida, who also confirmed the development through telephone to our reporter, said, "We are under siege here in Janjala due to the activities of bandits who sometimes come to houses in broad daylight and whisk away people."

There was no response from the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command over the development at the time of filing this report.

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