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Niger shari'a court registrar dies in bandits' den

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The Registrar of Shari'a Court, Ibbi, in Mashegu LGAs of Niger State simply identified as Mallam Namaru has been reportedly killed by bandits two weeks after his abduction.

Details of the killing were still sketchy but City & Crime gathered that the deceased was abducted alongside others on March 24,

2023 when the bandits raided their community.

The Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, could not be reached for comment on the killing up till time of filling this report yesterday.

But a resident of the area, Abdullahi Abubakar, told our correspondent that the registrar and other abductees were shot

dead due to pressure from security operatives to rescue them, adding that a vigilante member was also shot dead during the process.

He said effort was ongoing to retrieve the remains of those killed for burial and rescue those still alive, adding that Ibbi that was considered safer and had accommodated fleeing internally displaced persons from other communities had, in the last two

weeks, come under attacks.

City & Crime also gathered that bandits attacked Kasuwan-Garba in the same Local Government on Monday and kidnapped unspecified number of people.

A resident, Suleiman Mohammed, said, "The situation in our area is very scary. We live in fear every day because each time they strike, they must kidnap people."