Kogi: Kidnappers Kill Pastor After Collecting Ransom

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Musa was said to have been abducted while tending to his crops on his farm at Obajana in Lokoja Local Government on Monday.

According to the statement from the church, the kidnappers demanded N20m ransom shortly after he was kidnapped.

"It is with a heavy heart, but in total submission to the will of God, I write to inform you that the abductors of our brother, Pastor Musa David, have killed him after collecting a ransom of one million naira last night. Let our prayers be with the family, church, and the DCC in this trying moment", said the statement from the church.

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However, a source from the family said the pastor was killed on Tuesday night, but his corpse was seen on Wednesday after the assailants had collected N1m ransom from them, after intensive negotiation.

"ECWA Lokoja DCC lost a gallant soldier, a compatriot and pastor of ECWA Obajana, Pastor David Musa in the hands of wicked kidnappers last night after payment of ransom", said Mazi, a church member.

According to another member of the church, Joseph Adebayo, "They collected ransom and still went ahead to kill him, God will judge. Those involved are the people he knows, may his soul rest in peace, condolences to the family".

The Kogi state police command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) said the command is aware of the incident.

He added that the commissioner of police, CP Onuoha Benthrand, has ordered the anti-riot squad to move in immediately to arrest the perpetrators and bring them to face the law.

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