## Gunmen kill abducted traditional ruler in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

unmen have killed the Village Head of Riruwai in Lame District of Bauchi Emirate, Toro Local Government of Bauchi State, Alhaji Garba Badamasi.

It was gathered that the village head was earlier kidnapped by

gunmen who invaded the village on Friday, 15th March, 2024.

Sources told our correspondent that the gunmen invaded the area, shooting sporadically around the village to scare away residents in order to carry out their criminal act.

A source who did not want to be named said the gunmen went into the palace of the late village head and abducted him to an unknown location.

The deceased late Alhaji Garba Badamasi was said to have spent one day in captivity with the kidnappers before he was gruesomely murdered and his body dumped not far from the village.

The body was later recovered by those who had embarked on the search for him in the bush around the village.

His corpse was then brought to the palace of the district head of Lame in Gumau on Sunday, 17th March for funeral prayers and subsequent burial in accordance with Islamic injunctions.

One of the traditional title holders of the village confirmed the development to our correspondent praying to Allah to grant his soul eternal rest.

All efforts made to get the confirmation from the state police command proved abortive as the PPRO, SP Ahmed Wakili neither picked up several calls nor respond to the test message and whatsapp messages sent to his mobile number at press time