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How My Father Was Murdered After Paying Ransom, Abuja Lawyer Recounts



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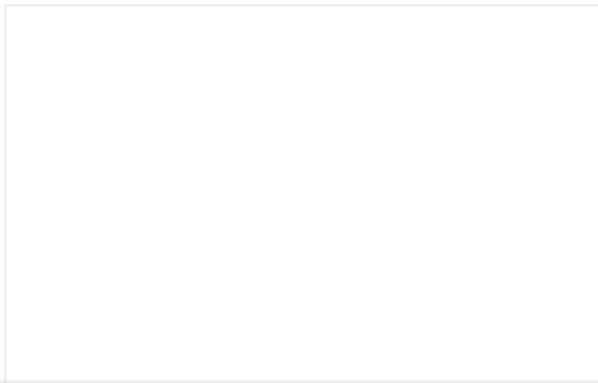
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He said the octogenarian was kidnapped on November 18 at about 7pm in their village, Matelem, in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State and his dead body was discovered on Saturday.





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“My Dad, Deh Idi Dakum, was the Galadima Nyam in Tangur, the District of Bokkos Local Government Area in Plateau State.

“He was about 85 years old.

On Nov. 18, he was kidnapped at about 7pm in our village, Matelem.

“His phone and that of my mother were taken away.

“Unknown to us that the abductors had killed him just about a kilometre away from the house that same day, my brother, Moses, kept calling his phone,” he said.



According to the lawyer, Moses eventually established contact with our father's abductors on 19th November, 2024.

"The abductors demanded for ransom and we paid same on Nov. 20," he said.

Dakum explained that prior to the payment of the ransom, Moses, whom the family had mandated to speak with the abductors requested to speak with his dad.

According to him, they (the abductors) claimed they left him (father) with some of their men close to the village but they went back to a place close to Daffo (also within Bokkos LGA).

"When my brother paid the ransom, they assured him they'll communicate to their gang whom they claimed my dad was in their custody to drop him close to the village.

"My brother left with the hope that my dad will return before day break but to no avail.



On 21st of November, he called the abductors and they assured him that they'll release him.

"My dad did not return on 21st November, 2024. On 22nd November, 2024, my brother called again, but could not reach the abductors.

"On 23rd November, 2024, my brother called the abductors again, but this time, one of the abductors, who spoke to him, was hostile and asked my brother if he's taking him cheap.

"He (kidnapper) said the ransom paid was inadequate and demanded for more money but we didn't pay any ransom again because at this time, we began to suspect that they were not been honest.

"However, few hours later, at about 9am, my dad's death body was found in a farm just about a kilometre away from the house where he was abducted.

"From the state of his body, he had been there for days. His remains



NAN gathered that his late father was earlier kidnapped in February, 2023. (NAN)

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