## Kidnappers Kill Pastor's Son, Abduct Wife Near Abuja



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Bandits have killed the son of a minister in the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) and abducted his wife in Mararaba, a Nasarawa state community neigbouring Abuja.

The minister, Austin Ifeji, was in the early hours of Monday last week attacked by heavily armed bandits in his home at Gwagwalade, Mararaba, near Abuja.

Abuja Metro learnt that after being inflicted with matchet cuts by the hoodlums, Ifeji managed to escape, forcing them to abduct his wife.

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At the same time, the kidnappers shot his son, who attempted to defend his mother and inflicted more matchet cuts on him in the presence of his other siblings.

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A neighbour, who craved anonymity, said after killing the son, they then took the wife away and made a demand of N30 million ransom. Reports of her release were still sketchy as of the time of filing this report.

Sources said efforts to revive the son in the hospital proved abortive.

"The boy is the only son of his parents as he has four other females.

"He did not like how they were manhandling his mother and confronted the kidnappers and they shot him," a source said.

The public Relations Officer of the Nasarawa State Police Command, SP Rahman Nansel, said the command was not aware of the incident.