

Terrorists kill APC councillor in Katsina State

SUSPECTED terrorists have killed Samaila Mairago, the councillor representing Nasarawa Ward in Funtua Local Council of Katsina State.

Mairago was reportedly killed on Monday night, after the terrorists, who were armed with sophisticated weapons, stormed his residence at Nasarawa Quarters, Funtua.

The Guardian gathered that there was an initial attempt to abduct the councillor, ostensibly for ransom, before the incident escalated and led to his death.

The deceased councillor was elected on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in April last year.

It was not immediately clear if the bandits kidnapped or killed any other

person in the process.

However, *The Guardian* learnt that some residents of the community sustained injuries while trying to flee from the terrorists. Some told reporters that they were traumatised by the incident, even as security had been beefed up in the area yesterday. Funtua is among the many councils facing security

challenges in the state, with the area witnessing terrorists' attacks, abductions and killings in recent months.

Confirming the incident, yesterday, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, ASP Abubakar Aliyu, said police had commenced investigation to arrest the perpetrators of the heinous crime.