

# Gunmen Kill Cleric In Kaduna, Abduct Wife

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Hosea Akuchi, Pastor of Baptist Church, Guguwa, Nasira, in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, was killed on Sunday while attempting to resist kidnappers.

The suspected bandits, however, abducted Talatu, the deceased's wife, after killing him.

The incident was said to have occurred when the gunmen attacked the community.

A witness said the bandits arrived the community around 1 am and forced their way into the apartment of the cleric after shooting sporadically in the air.

"The gunmen came at about 1 am; I don't know how many of them but they were shooting sporadically. We thought they were armed robbers, everybody was scared," he said.

"They wanted to kidnap the pastor, but he was resisting them by struggling with them and they shot him. After killing him, they went away with his wife."

Yakubu Sabo, Spokesman of the Kaduna State Police command, confirmed the incident in a phone interview, saying the clergyman was shot while struggling with his attackers whose intention may have been to abduct him.

"In the early hours of this morning, information reached us that some armed men stormed the house of Reverend Hosea and attempted to kidnap him," he said.

He added: "But after struggling with them, they shot him and took away his wife. It is quite unfortunate that while we are keeping the peace we are enjoying in Kaduna, some criminals are doing this to sabotage our collective efforts.

"We have visited the scene of the unfortunate incident and we are trying our best to get to the root of this incident and as soon as we get more information, I will get back to you."

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