

Pastor killed in Zango-Kataf

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G UNMEN have killed a pastor of Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in Zango-Kataf council of Kaduna State.

Rev. Silas Yakubu first got missing on Saturday on his way to Kafanchan in Southern Kaduna before his body was found yesterday, Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan said in a statement.

The pastor of ECWA Church, Kibori-Asha Awuce, departed for Kafanchan on Saturday, and was not heard from until his body was found by a search party early yesterday in Kibori community, near Asha-Awuce, where he was apparently killed with a machete, Aruwan said, quoting a security report.

"The governor of Kaduna State, Malam Nasir El-Rufai expressed deep sadness at the report of the killing, which he described as horrifying and cruel. The governor offered prayers for the repose of the soul of the cleric and urged security agencies to intensify efforts towards apprehending the perpetrators of the heinous killing," he said.