

Two killed, worshippers abducted in gunmen's raid on Kaduna church

TWO worshippers were yesterday feared killed after gunmen killed two at the Baptist Church, Kakau Daji, Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna state.

The worshippers were attacked during the church's Sunday service. They were said to have surrounded the church before they started shooting.

A yet-to-be ascertained number of worshippers were also abducted from the church.

A report in The Cable said the President of the Kaduna Baptist Convention Ishaya Jangado confirmed the attack.

"The incident occurred this morning but we don't know the exact number of people that were kidnapped yet," he said.

The on-line newspaper said Mohammad Jalige, spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, could not be reached for comment over the incident.

Reacting, Joseph Hayab, chairman of the Kaduna state chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), described the attack as "another sad story of how deteriorating our insecurity has become".

He said: "Citizens are being killed like chickens with only press statements as consolation. These evil people have troubled us for too long.

"I condole the families of the Baptist denomination and Kaduna Christians for this loss and urge our security agencies to separate war against enemies of Nigerians from politics. No one knows who will be the next target."

Chikun council is one of the areas where telecommunications services had been suspended by the Kaduna state government to fight banditry and kidnappings.

The attack on the church comes months after suspected bandits invaded the Bethel Baptist High School in Damishi, Kaduna, abducting 121 students.