

Terrorists kill Director after receiving N50m ransom



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The Director of Works, Mariga local government area of [Niger state](#), Alhaji Yakubu Bala, has been killed by terrorists three days after he was kidnapped.

The Nation learnt that Bala was abducted alongside 23 others by terrorists over the weekend from Mariga town.

It was gathered that the terrorists had demanded N50 million as ransom which his family reportedly paid.

The deceased's sister, Hajia Hadiza Abdullahi, revealed that Bala was kidnapped from his room while with his two wives, adding that one of them was pregnant.

She said there was a knock on the door and one of the wives opened only for the terrorists to force their way into the house and took the deceased to an unknown destination.

Abdullahi explained that three days after her brother and others were kidnapped, the bandits called for a ransom of N50 million before he would be released.

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“We raised millions but the bandits did not release my brother. There were relations of four others kidnapped who were able to contribute N2 million each and they took to the abductors in the forest before their family members were released.

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“It was when these people came from the forest that we were told that my brother had been killed by the gunmen two days after he was kidnapped,” Abdullahi said.

According to her, the released victims disclosed that her brother was tied to a tree and the terrorists broke his legs before he died, adding that they were told that he was buried in a shallow grave in the forest.

She lamented that her brother left behind two wives and 10 children, saying that the family was having a hard time coming to terms with his death.

The number of the Police Command’s Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Wasiu Abiodun, did not go when our reporter tried to contact him.