

Outrage as kidnappers kill one of six siblings abducted in Abuja

BANDITS, who kidnapped Alhaji Mansoor Al-Kadriyar and his six children, have killed one of the abducted persons, *The Nation* has learnt.

The deceased lady identified as Nabeeha Al-Kadriyar was killed on Friday.

She has been laid to rest according to Islamic rites on Saturday.

Nabeeha was a 400-level student of Biological Science, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria.

Others abducted include: Najeebah (500 level, Quantity Surveying), Nadheerah (300 level, Zoology).

The kidnappers had earlier contacted the family, demanding N60 million ransom, but *The Nation* learnt it has been increased to N100 million.

The victims were abducted on Tuesday night in the Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory.

Alhaji Mansoor's brother, Abdulfatai, who led policemen to foil their abduction, was shot dead by the bandits.

The death of Nabeeha sparked outrage on social media platforms especially "X".

Many users trending the hashtag #Najeebahandhersisters called on security agencies to intensify efforts to rescue the remaining persons in captivity.

Following the new development on increase in the ransom, the family and well-wishers of the victims, have taken to social media to solicit funds towards their rescue.

A relative of the victims, Sherifdeen had disclosed: "They have contacted the family asking for N60m ransom after prolonged pleading. They freed the father but held the children captive. We have been given Friday, January 12, 2024 to look for the

Police, others intensify efforts

By Alao Abiodun

money.

"That is N10 million per child. To support the efforts in securing their freedom, we humbly seek financial assistance. We have provided bank details on my Facebook page."

Reacting, a foundation on "X", @ftvf_foundation said: "D a y 1 1 : #Najeebahandhersisters haven't been released. Few

hours ago, they killed and sent the body of one of these innocent kids to their parents.

"The kidnappers are insisting on getting the full amount they're demanding. We just want them back home safe and sound."

Condoling with the family, former Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof. Isa Pantami wrote on his verified "X" page: "Inna lil Laahi wa inna ilaihi Raajiu! I just read about the killing of

our daughter Nabeeha (400 level, ABU). I also spoke with her father on the remaining 5 of our kidnapped daughters. May Allah forgive her, rescue others & bring absolute peace in Nigeria

#Najeebahandhersisters"

@ameenakado tweeted: "No one can understand what Najeebah and her other sisters are going through. The bond between them and now they have killed one of them in front of their eyes."

A former presidential aide, Bashir Ahmad said: "I join fellow concerned Nigerians in

urgently calling on the @PoliceNG through its PPRO @PrinceMoyel to acknowledge and respond to the unfortunate incident involving the kidnapping of Najeebah and five of her sisters #NajeebahAndHerSisters more than a week ago.

"The information shared by a family member @Adamu_Asiya this morning indicated that the kidnappers have tragically killed Najeebah as a warning and demanded a N100 million ransom for the release of the remaining victims.

@lilinbaba said: "It is with great displeasure and discontentment we received the passing of Nabeeha."

"This reoccurring tragedy of endless kidnapping in the north needs to stop. I'm urging our security officers to double their efforts in fighting these criminal syndicates. May her soul rest in peace."

Meanwhile, the force spokesperson, Muiywa Adejobi emphasised that the police and other security agencies have been on the matter to rescue the abducted persons.

Akande to NASS: Throw away present constitution

From Toba Adedeji, Osogbo

THE first interim National chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC) and former governor of Osun State, Chief Bisi Akande has urged the National Assembly to dump the 1999 constitution and embrace 1960.

Akande while responding to questions from newsmen on Saturday ahead of his 85th birthday ceremony held that to give nod to restructuring of the country does not require much other than dumping the 1999 constitution.

He said the 1999 constitution was not written by anybody hence National Assembly must retrace its steps on the constitution.

According to him, "I will prefer the 1960 constitution for Nigeria, it is the best! For example, in the 1960 constitution, if you are a member of the national and state assembly, you are a part time, you go to your work, politics wasn't work then. Farmers go to the farm, lawyers go to their chambers, doctors go to their

for meeting they go to meeting and they pay them a sitting allowance, everybody knows that they are doing it in the interest of the public."

Akande lamented that the military changed the practice by introducing money and lavish spending into politics which are not helping the country.

He continued, "the military, because they wanted to stay permanently in power, they started using money to pay them (assembly) salary and everybody left their job to become a politician. You leave your job where you all belong, then you become a politician, you have nothing to do, nothing to produce, then you want to be materialistic. You become fake because you have departed from good things to bad."

He warned that "Until you retrace your steps back, you can't have it well. If you are talking about restructuring, you don't need much, throw away this present constitution which is not written by anybody and embrace 1960 constitution, look at present



Alhaji Mansoor Al-Kadriyar, middle, with some members of his family.