

Body of one of kidnapped ‘Abuja Five’ found dead in Niger community



- ***Abducted husband, son, two others still missing***

One of the five abducted residents of Chikakore community in Kubwa, the **Federal Capital Territory (FCT)** is dead.

Esther Adesiyan's body was recovered in a bush near Itagbajii community in Niger State on Monday.

The deceased, her husband, Akinropo Adesiyan, their son, Ifeoluwa, and a family member, Dr Adekunle Adeniji, were abducted from their home alongside a neighbour working in a poultry farm near the house about 11.30 pm on Sunday.

The wife of the poultry worker was injured and later taken to the Kubwa General Hospital for treatment.

FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Superintendent of Police Josephine Adeh, had confirmed the abduction in a statement.

Recall FCT Police Command, through Adeh said it had started a search and rescue aimed at securing the safe recovery of the abducted victims and apprehending the perpetrators of this criminal act.

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She called on residents of the community and public to remain calm and vigilant.

“Any useful information that could assist the investigation and rescue efforts should be promptly reported to the police,” she said in the statement

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Speaking on how the body was recovered, Oluwafemi Adepoju, a co-worker and ally of the husband to the deceased, said the Divisional Police Officer of Byazhin Police Station in Kubwa summoned him about 8.30 am.

“When I got to Byazhin Police station this morning, the DPO, Michael Adah, told me we were going to Niger State for me to identify a recovered dead body.

“When we got to a General Hospital located near Dikko community in Niger State, I identified the body to be my boss’s wife.

“A team of Police and Vigilante group who narrated how the body was recovered said they heard a gunshot about 9 pm on Monday around Itagbajii village, while patrolling.