

Kidnappers abduct VOA reporter's wife, child, kill FRSC officer

SUSPECTED kidnappers, on Wednesday, abducted the wife and child of a reporter with the *Voice of America* (VOA) in Kaduna State, the *News Agency of Nigeria*

(NAN) has reported.

The abductors also killed a member of staff of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who rushed out to help the victims.

The reporter, Malam Na-

sir Birnin-Yero, told the NAN that the abductors, about 30 in number, attacked his residence in Birnin Yero, near Kaduna, at about 1:30 am.

"They came to my house at about 1:30 am. I was not at home then, but they forced themselves into my house and asked my wife of my

whereabouts and she told them I was not at home.

"They vandalised my television set and refrigerator before taking my wife and son, insisting that they must take them to where I was.

"One of my neighbours, who works with the FRSC, Sabitu Abdulhamid, was shot dead by the kidnappers

when he rushed out in an attempt to save my family.

"The kidnappers have not made any contact yet," Birnin-Yero said.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Umar Ibrahim, confirmed the death of the corps personnel and described the incident as very unfortunate.

Ibrahim described the deceased as a very hard working person, who was also a member of the community's vigilance group.

"I am just coming back from his burial; it is a sad day for members of his family and the entire FRSC family," the sector commander said.

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