

Pastor, 16 choristers kidnapped in Kaduna —ECWA

Gunmen kill one, kidnap two others

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GUNMEN, in the early hours of Sunday, stormed the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in Dankande village, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State and kidnapped a pastor and 16 members of the church choir.

According to a statement released by the Zaria Diocese Divisional (DCC) Secretary, Reverend Nath Waziri and made available to the Nigerian Tribune, the hoodlums stormed the church during a combined fellowship.

He said the fellowship had

commenced on Saturday night and was ongoing till the early hours of Sunday when the gunmen came.

According to the statement, the gunmen asked everyone in the church to surrender phones and demanded the whereabouts of the pastor.

"After threatening the choristers, they showed the gunmen the pastor's residence.

"They took the pastor away alongside his daughter and 15 others, among whom was the son of the pastor of Assemblies of God Church," the statement read.

In another development, gunmen killed one Obadiah

Samson and kidnapped two others at Guguwa village in Rigasa of Igabi Local Government Area of the state.

According to the eyewitness, the incident occurred on Sunday morning when the hoodlums sacked the village.

It was gathered that Samson was killed in the presence of his pregnant wife.

Both the deceased and kidnapped victims are members of Nasara Baptist Church, Guguwa.

As of the time of filing the reports, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Yakubu Sabo, said he could not confirm the two incidents.