## Assailants kill pastor in Kaduna



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A pastor with the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), Kibori-Asha Awuce, in Zango Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Reverend Silas Yakubu Ali, has been killed by unknown assailants.

His corpse was found in the bush after he left his village for Kafanchan and could not be reached.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in the state, Samuel Aruwan, in a statement issued on Sunday, said Reverend Ali departed for Kafanchan on Saturday, and nothing was heard from him until his corpse was found by a search party early on Sunday at Kibori community, near Asha-Awuce, where he was apparently attacked and hacked to death.

'The governor of Kaduna State, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, expressed deep sadness at the report of the killing, which he described as horrifying and cruel.

The statement said: "The governor offered prayers for the repose of the soul of the cleric.

"Going further, Governor El-Rufai sent his condolences to the family of Reverend Silas Yakubu Ali, and to the ECWA Church in Kibori-Asha Awuce, as he prayed for God to grant them the fortitude and comfort over this sudden and painful loss.

"The governor urged security agencies to intensify efforts towards apprehending the perpetrators of the heinous killing, while appealing to members of the community to maintain calm."

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