Another 8-year-old girl kidnapped, allegedly killed by neighbours in Kaduna

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BARELY 48 hours after the news of Hanifa, who was kidnapped and later poisoned by her teacher in Kano State went viral, residents of Zaria, Kaduna State, have been thrown into mourning, following the murder of an eight-year-old Asma'u, who was kidnapped and later allegedly killed by her neighbours.

Asmau, who spent 42 days with her abductors, was said to have been kidnapped by one of their neighbours on December, 9, last year.

Speaking in an interview, her father, Alh Shuaibu Wa'alamu, told newsmen in Zaria at the weekend how she was abducted.

"My daughter was abducted on December 9. She did not return home. I lodged a formal complaint with the police.

"After some days, the abductors began to call my number and demanded N15m. But we negotiated and I first gave them N2m.

"They collected the money in Rigasa area of Kaduna. Later, they called me again and demanded another N1.045m, as the only condition to release my daughter.

"I did not argue. But I gave the money to them. However, after paying the ransom as demanded on January 19, they called me to tell me they have killed her and switched off their phone.

"From the initial stage, I was following her abductors and doing their bidding because of the fear of losing her. Now, they have killed her.

"I know those who abducted her and killed her. They are around us. I have strong evidence. I have told the police. And they are on it. In fact, the suspects have been arrested," he said.

As of the time of filing this report, the state police command has not confirmed the incident.