

Niger: Three worshippers killed, eight others abducted from church

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TRAGEDY struck in Sarkin-
pawa community, in Munyan
Local Government Area of
Niger State in the late hours
of last Monday as some gun-
men suspected to be terror-
ists invaded the premises of
a Cherubim and Seraphim
Movement Church's Mission
House within the council
area, killing three worship-
ers and abducting eight oth-
ers.

The suspected terrorists, according to Sunday Tribune's findings, were said to have defied the presence of the security operatives, consisting of soldiers and mobile policemen, who were said to be stationed at the local government headquarters in Sarkinpawa by the government.

Sunday Tribune further learnt that almost immediately after learning of the attack, the mobile policemen mobilized to the church but the attackers had reportedly escaped with their victims.

Further investigations revealed that the victims were trying to escape when the gunmen opened fire on them, killing three persons on the spot.

It was also learnt through some sources close to the church that the remains of the victims had been buried in Sarkinpawa.

Meanwhile, the terrorists were said to have demanded for the sum of N250 million as ransom for the release of the abductees.