

Gunmen kill NAN correspondent's father, abduct rector, one other in Kaduna

GUNMEN on Tuesday night in Manchok, Kaduna State, killed Mr Daniel Yatai, the father of Philip Yatai, a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), and abducted his niece, Brenda.

NAN reported that the gunmen also abducted Mr Amos Magbon, rector of the Federal School of Statistics, Manchok, in Kaura Local Government of the state.

The victim, Mr Yatai (86), retired from the Nigeria

Railway Corporation in 1991.

The second child of the victim who witnessed the incident, Ms Christiana Yatai, said the gunmen came to the house at about 11:15p.m.

She said: "We were five in the house; I, my dad, my mum, two of my nieces and a nephew.

"They asked us to open the door and when we refused, they broke the main entrance and gained access

to the house.

"My father was in his room and one of them wearing a mask who was outside shot him through the window and the bullet hit him in the back.

"Those who entered the house later went to his room and finished him up.

"They went away with one of my nieces, Ms Brenda Friday (21), a final year student of the Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan Waya."

Another child of the de-

ceased, Mr Joseph Yatai, said the gunmen had contacted the family and demanded N15 million to release the girl.

Similarly, brother to the rector, Innocent Magbon, confirmed the gunmen had also reached out to the family to ask for a N15 million ransom.

When contacted, Kaduna police command spokesperson, DSP Mohammed Jalige, promised to get back to NAN.