

Gunmen kill pastor, abduct wife in Kaduna

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Gunmen have killed the resident pastor of the Living Faith Church, Romi New Extension, in Kaduna State, Jeremiah Omolara.

The pastor's wife, according to a source, was abducted.

The incident was said to have taken place along Kaduna-Abuja Road while the pastor and the wife were traveling to Abuja.

The source said the gunmen opened fire on their vehicle, killing the pastor on the spot. They later took the wife into the bush.

The son, it was learnt, escaped from the bandits.

The source added that the abductors were demanding N50m as ransom.

The Chairman of the state chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Joseph Hayab, confirmed the incident.

Hayab lamented the increasing rate of kidnappings in Kaduna, especially the abduction of men of God.

Hayab also said last Thursday the parish priest of Kasuwan Magani, in the Kajuru Local Government Area was attacked by gunmen at his residence, while his security guard was killed.

He added that in the same Kajuru LGA, a 13-year-old daughter of a Baptist pastor was abducted and the kidnappers had been demanding a huge sum as for ransom.

Hayab said, “We feel strongly that the Federal Government and the Inspector-General of Police should do something about Kaduna.”

The Kaduna Sate Police Command’s Public Relations Officer, DSP Yakubu Sabo, could not be reached for comments.

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