

Kidnappers killed abducted Kaduna doctor's wife, say police

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The Kaduna State Police Command has confirmed the killing of Dr. Philip Ataga's wife, kidnapped last week by suspected bandits.

The command's spokesman, Yakubu Sabo, said the command received the report on Saturday and had recovered the corpse.

Sabo said, "We got the report from our investigative team today (Saturday) and the Anti-Kidnapping Squad of the command have gone to recover the corpse and taken it to the mortuary together with the family.

“When they (kidnappers) dumped the body, the command got the information to recover the body and deposited it at the Gwamna Awwan General Hospital, Kakuri.”

The wife of the Kaduna-based medical doctor was kidnapped along with her two children by the gunmen suspected to be kidnappers at the Juji Community in the Chikun Local Government Area of the state.

A vigilante was also killed by the bandits during the operation which last for six hours. The kidnappers were said to have invaded the community about 10pm on Friday, January 24, 2020.

The Juji community has suffered a series of kidnappings in recent times.

Meanwhile, a source said the bandits initially demanded a ransom of N120m to release the woman and her two children kidnapped with her.

The source said the gunmen later killed the woman as her husband was looking for how to raise money to pay the ransom.