

Two of 66 abducted Kaduna worshippers killed, others in danger – CAN

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One week after, two of the 66 worshippers abducted from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Kakau Daji, Chikun Local Government Area

of Kaduna State, have been killed by bandits, the Christian Association of Nigeria said on Sunday.

They were said to have been abducted on October 31 2021 during church service.

The Vice President of CAN (19 Northern States and Abuja) and its chairman in Kaduna State, Rev Joseph Hayab, disclosed the development these in a message sent to The PUNCH on Sunday.

According to him, the bandits opened fire on five of their victims on Saturday and killed two while three others who sustained injuries “are currently in the hospital.”

Hayab said, “Two of the

66 worshippers abducted on Sunday October 31, 2021 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kakau Daji, Chikun LGA of Kaduna State have been killed by their captors.

“The bandits opened fire on five of their victims on Saturday November 6, 2021 and killed two, while three others seriously injured are currently in the hospital.

“The lives of Kaduna abducted worshippers are in danger and require urgent intervention of government and security agencies.

“The insecurity in Kaduna State has continued to grow beyond our imagination and is threatening the peace of the nation.

“CAN Kaduna State is

appealing to well-meaning individuals, organisations, those in authority, especially the Federal Government and the international community to come to our rescue.

“The evil we are experiencing is more than what an ordinary person in Kaduna and Nigeria can handle.

“CAN is appealing to all Christians and people of our state to be united in fighting this evil and be watchful.”

When contacted to make further clarification, especially how the injured were taken to the hospital and whether they were taken there by the bandits, Hayab declined further comments, saying “we are not happy with this news. We are in pains.”

Other security agencies have replaced withdrawn soldiers – Ondo

Peter Dada, Akure

THE Ondo State Government has allayed the fear of the people of the state over the withdrawal of soldiers from the highways, saying the development will not cause any security problem in the affected areas.

The soldiers were withdrawn from the checkpoints last week following an alleged non-payment of their allowances by the state government.

But the state police command

state to man the abandoned checkpoints and criminal hotspots.

He said, “We should stop over celebrating this issue of vacation by a section of the security unit. When you look at it constitutionally, internal security belongs to the police, DSS and the other conventional agencies.

“If for whatever reason anybody is pulling out of it, I believe the place is not vacant. Go to all the checkpoints that are vacated now,

the places are fully occupied by another set of security outfit. That is what we should celebrate.

“Look at the arrests that were made recently, was it not even after the vacation that Amotekun, with the police team, were able to record this success?

“So, we should stop politicising it. People are trying to bring politics into it and that will not help us in Ondo State or in any part of this country.

“The soldiers, from all

indications, are they not Federal Government agency given to the state to work in tandem with the state executive?

“The constitution is there. It is not as if Mr Governor is not assisting and he is doing his best to assist all the security forces both in matter of subvention on monthly basis, he used to give it out.

“So, we don’t really understand this aspect of non-payment issues. I believe politics is the one bringing the issues of non-payment.”