

# Gunmen assassinate bedridden retired NAF chief before wife in Kaduna

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2 A retired Air Vice Marshal, Mohammed Maisaka, has been killed by gunmen in his house in Rigasa, Kaduna State.

Rigasa, a hotspot in the Kaduna suburb, is in the Igabi Local Government Area of the state, where telecoms are on shutdown to crack down on bandits ravaging the state.

The retired senior military officer, until his murder on Monday night, was the proprietor and managing director of MSK Hospital, a medical facility he established to help the community.

Although there was no official statement from either the police or the state, an associate of the deceased, Abubakar Gwantu, said the gunmen shot him in the presence of his wife.

He said, "They (gunmen) arrived at Maisaka's house late Monday night and met him and his wife in the living room and shot him dead.

"The armed men first visited the boys' quarters and picked his personal physiologist; they forced him to lead them into the main house. During the commotion that followed, they killed him (Maisaka).

"It was certainly planned because

they told his wife that they didn't have business with her, and just casually left the house without picking a thing or threatening anyone."

Gwantu said the retired officer was paralysed due to a medical condition for about three years and was in rehabilitation when he was killed.

"In spite of his family opposition, he built and was running a private hospital in the densely populated Rigasa community, in his typical character of social work. He refused, in spite of his privileges of social status, to live outside the community where he also built his retirement home," he added.