

Bandits kill Kaduna pastor after collecting ransom

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Bandits have killed a pastor of the Evangelical Church of Winning All, Nariya, Kaduna, Rev Dauda Bature, after collecting ransom from his wife.

Bature was kidnapped on his farm in Rigasa, Igabi Local Government Area of the state, on November 8.

His wife was also kidnapped by the hoodlums after delivering the ransom but was later released.

The Vice Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in the Northern States and Abuja, Rev John Hayab, confirmed Bature's death on Saturday.

"They (bandits) kidnapped her (Bature's wife) too. On November 18, the bandits released the wife and a few days later, killed the husband," Hayab added.

While lamenting that the bandits took the life of the pastor despite collecting ransom from his family, appealed to security agencies to redouble their efforts in protecting lives and property.

In a related development, security agencies reportedly repelled some bandits in large numbers in the Sabo GRA area of the Chikun Local Government Area of the state in the early hours of Saturday.

A source said a pregnant woman was hit by a stray bullet as residents scampered to safety.

It was learnt that the pregnant woman was, however, taken to an undisclosed hospital.

The source said, "The security agents repelled the rampaging hoard of bandits that attempted to invade the community in the early hours of Saturday morning, December 11, 2021. The loud shots of different types of firearms rent the air from past midnight to almost 3am. Three persons who were abducted from the community were later freed after the military and Civilian Joint Task Force engaged them in gunfire.