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## Kidnappers demand N10m to release Kaduna victim's corpse

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**T**ERRORISTS have demanded N10m as ransom before releasing the lifeless body of one of their victims, Obadiah Ibrahim, who they kidnapped a few weeks ago in Kaduna.

A family member and brother to the victim, Kefas Obadiah, said the bandits had so far collected the sum of N3m but still refused to release the corpse of the victim they abducted in October.

"Ibrahim had died on Monday, and they informed us on Thursday. We asked for his corpse, and they said we should pay them N10m if we want his corpse; they'll not work for us free of charge," he said.

Obadiah, while narrating the family ordeal, added, "My brother's name is Obadiah Ibrahim. He was kidnapped early October, the first week of October, in Sabon Gaya on his way back from Abuja to Kaduna.

"Although I was not the one communicating with the bandits, there was a negotiator. Earlier, the bandits demanded N200m and later settled for N3m plus.

"They said we should bring the money. After we gave them the ransom, they told us the money was for their food supplies, which got finished, and that we should go and bring N15 million.

"They later came down to N5 million and three motorbikes, and later collected one bike. After they collected a bike, we didn't hear from them again. We tried to communicate with them, but unfortunately we were unable to.

"Then, when the negotiator called them on Thursday, they said our brother was dead. We thought they were joking. When we continue, they threaten to track him and come for him if we do not stop calling their line.

"They said their own men were arrested by police, tied to a tree, and killed. So they also vent their anger on our brother because of what the police did to their brother."