

*PUNCH Metro* learnt from one of the late Funtua's sons on his official social media, Facebook, that his father was killed by the bandits after paying a N2 million ransom for Aisha's release.

He explained that the hoodlums held their father captive and demanded an additional N5m, unknown to them he had been killed 17 days earlier, a day after they took him captive.

“It is with total submission to the will of Allah (SWT) that I announce the death of my father, Alh. Abubakar Funtua. He was killed by the bandits that kidnapped my sister last month. Jana'iza holds 5/08/2024, at his residence in Gangaren Tasaulawa, Funtua by 9 a.m., Insha Allah. Please pray for his soul”, part of Garba's Facebook post read.

However, no official statement from the relevant authorities on the development.

*PUNCH Metro* had earlier reported that terrorists stormed the residence of the Gyang and launched their heinous mayhem in the early hours of Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Until his demise, he was the Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension, and Rural Development at the institution.