

Kwara PDP ward chair, two others killed in gunmen attack

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Gunmen

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Unknown gunmen have killed three people, including the chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in Lade Ward in Mari village and abducted a 12-year-old girl in a Fulani camp in Lile village in Patigi Local Government Area of Kwara State in the early hours of Wednesday.

The two incidents of violent crime which were confirmed by the Kwara State Police Command resulted in the killing of the PDP ward chairman in Lade Ward in Patigi Local Government Area and his son, Abdullahi Mohammad, as well as a resident of the village, one Timothy Paul.

Similarly, *PUNCH Metro* gathered that a 12-year-old girl identified as Hassana Abdullahi was kidnapped at Aiyetoro Fulani Camp in Lile village in the same Lade Ward of the local government.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi, in a statement issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Kwara State Command, Mr Adekimi Ojo, stated, “The state police command confirms two incidents of violent crime that occurred in the early hours of June 25, 2025, in Patigi LGA of the state.

“At about 0130hrs, unknown armed men stormed and attacked Mari and Lile villages via Lade, killing three persons: one Timothy Paul (male, 35 years) in Mari village, and Alhaji Abdullahi Shehu (male, 51 years) alongside his son, Abdullahi Muhammad (male, 22 years) in Lile village.

“The bodies were certified dead by a medical doctor at a hospital.

“In a separate incident at about 0300hrs, four armed men invaded Aiyetoro Fulani Camp and abducted 12-year-old Hassana Abdullahi; daughter to Mr Abdullahi Jowuro.

“The scene of the crime was secured and documented”, the police statement said.

The police further said, “In response, joint tactical teams comprising police operatives, vigilantes, and local hunters have been deployed to conduct bush combing and rescue operations.

“Investigations have begun to apprehend the actors behind this dastardly act; prosecution follows afterwards.

“The command remains committed to public safety and urges residents to remain alert and report suspicious activity promptly”, it said.

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Meanwhile, former Senate President, Dr. Bukola Saraki, has condemned the brutal killing of the PDP Lade Ward I Chairman in Kwara North and his son by unknown gunmen.

In a statement by Abdulganiyu Abdulqadir, the Press Officer on Local Matters, Saraki described the attack as barbaric, painful and unacceptable.

“This is a devastating loss. I am heartbroken by the news of the gruesome killing of Alhaji Abdullahi Shehu Kpotun and his son. My thoughts and prayers are with their immediate family and the Patigi community in this difficult time,” Saraki said.

“The tragic incident occurred when gunmen attacked their residence late at night, leading to the loss of both father and son in what has been described as a senseless and deeply saddening act of violence.

“Saraki prayed for the peaceful repose of their souls, and Almighty Allah grant them Aljanah Firdaus, and for strength and comfort for the grieving family and community.

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