

Probe begins after killing of worshipper in Kwara mosque

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FILE: Police PRO, Kwara State, Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi

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The Kwara State Police Command has launched an investigation into the deadly attack on a mosque in Patigi Local Government Area that claimed the life of a worshipper.

The victim, identified as 45-year-old Alhaji Dahiru, was killed on August 30, 2025, after some gunmen attacked the mosque during the last of the five daily prayers at night.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the assailants had attempted to abduct Dahiru, but when he resisted, they shot him on the spot before fleeing the mosque.

Confirming the incident during a telephone interview on Wednesday, the spokesperson for the state police command, Ejire Adetoun, described the attack as “quite an unfortunate one.”

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Adetoun added, “The incident did happen. The Kwara Commissioner of Police has directed that a discreet investigation be carried out to fish out the suspects. Investigations are currently ongoing.”

The attack adds to a string of violent incidents in Patigi LGA, which has in recent times been plagued by gunmen. Several villages in the area are reportedly deserted due to the repeated assaults.

Less than three months ago, gunmen allegedly killed the chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in Lade Ward, Mari Village.

The attack also claimed the lives of two other persons, including the politician’s son, while another 12-year-old, Hassana Abdullahi, was abducted from a Fulani camp in Lile Village.