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Gunmen on Saturday, shot and killed 35-year-old Pastor Ayuba Moriya. They also injured his wife. The attack occurred at Dilimi Village in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen stormed the pastor's house around 11pm.

Residents said the gunmen gain access to the pastor's house through the back-door after a failed attempt to destroy the main gate made of iron. They told the pastor's wife of their mission to kill her husband.

"There was sound of gunshots and screams and so we ran away," a resident, who doesn't want to be named, said, adding that nobody could rescue the family from the hands of the heavily armed killers.

The widow, Mrs. Rifkatu Ayuba Moriya, amid tears, said the gunmen were over 20 as they stormed their house wearing army uniforms.

"On getting to the house, they told me that they were here to kill my husband. We were not left with any option than to say our last prayer. They dragged my husband outside and shot him severally while others macheted him until he died."

Rifkatu said the gunmen had wanted to kill her two-year-old son with an option to abduct their daughter while others said they should kill her.

She said that three other people staying in the mission house had to flee with one seriously injured while the gunmen raided the place and carted away unspecified amount of money.

"When they killed my husband, they demanded for money and later they ransacked the whole house looking for more with a threat to kill all of us, but I had to beg them to spare our lives before they left.

They shot sporadically into the air," Rifkatu said.

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According to the widow, her husband had repeatedly reported threats to his life to the authorities, but nothing was done to that effect. She blamed the government for the security challenges in the state.

The incident, Daily Sun gathered, was reported at the Toro Police Division Security agents deposited the body at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital mortuary, Bauchi for autopsy.

The police command's spokesman, DSP Haruna Mohammed, confirmed the killing, saying, the attacker used a dane gun to kill Pastor Moniya and made away with undisclosed cash.

Mohammed said the suspects carted away properties belonging to the family. He said policemen retrieved three empty cartridges while investigation has started.

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