

# Kaduna: Bandits kill ECWA pastor after collecting ransom

## • Invade GRA, Sabo

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A pastor in charge of Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), Nariya in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Reverend Dauda Bature, has been killed by bandits after collect-

ing an undisclosed amount of money as ransom.

Early in the morning yesterday, bandits also invaded GRA, Sabo, in Chikun Local Government Area of the state and kidnapped a man and his wife; but they were forced to flee following

prompt intervention by the military.

According to a source, the late pastor was kidnapped while working on his farm in Nariya area on Monday, November 8, 2021.

His abductors demanded N10m ransom through his wife, which the family could not raise.

"When some money was eventually raised, they asked the wife to bring it to them on November 18. They collected it and still kidnapped her.

"They kept her until Monday, December 6, and later released her to go and look for more money. From then, they never talked to her again but to another person," the source said.

The source lamented that the attack was becoming a recurring decimal in that area of Kaduna town.

Confirming both stories, the Chairman, Kaduna branch of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Reverend Joseph Hayab, lamented that the bandits have become more "cruel and brutal," and called on the government to redouble its efforts at checking their frequent attacks.

According to him, "on Thursday, they (bandits) just called to say that they had killed the pastor since they could not bring more money.

He recalled that "they came to Sabo GRA last night and took sleep off the residents' eyes for more than two hours. A day earlier, they were at Angwan Bulus where they kidnapped a man and his wife."

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sive condition, the People's Democratic Party (PDP)-led government had kept the state in the past 16 years.

He vowed that the party would wipe the tears of Abians by ending the PDP impunity in 2023.

According to Nwankpa, APC with the caliber of the political bigwigs within its ranks remains the only credible alternative political party that will give Abians reprieve from their ugly experience in the hands of the PDP led government in the state.

Nwankpa who was represented by the caretaker state secretary of the party, Perfect Okorie, while reacting to the news of Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu's purported plans to dump the party for a yet-to-be known political party, debunked such insinuation, stressing that Kalu whom he described as a father figure in the party, has been shouldering the responsibilities of the party in the state and remains the leader of the party in the state.

## murdered for allegedly stealing noodles

with his parents, had returned to the village on the fateful night he was killed. He was reportedly arrested by some youths in the area for allegedly stealing some quantity of noodles worth N1,000.

Secretary-General of Enugu Nanka village Development Union, Mr. Godson Offorkansi, told newsmen that Tochukwu was abducted and his hands and legs tied by the youths throughout the night of his abduction.

He said that the following day, he was taken to a place they call Ukwu Mango in the

village where he was given the final beating that led to his death.

Counsel to the community, Mr. Michael Onwueteaka, said he reported to the Divisional Police Officer in Oko Police Station after he was briefed by the community.

He said that he had demanded that Tochukwu's body should not be released to anybody from the mortuary until an investigation into the ugly incident was concluded but his suspected killers had their way.