

# Gunmen shoot AIG, kill orderly, journalist's dad in Kaduna

**AN** Assistant Inspector-General (AIG) of Police, Audu Madaki, has been reportedly shot by gunmen.

Madaki is the AIG in charge of zone 12 police command. He was said to have been attacked by the assailants on Tuesday, along the Kaduna-Abuja Highway. Although details of the attack were still hazy, he was said to have been shot in the leg, while his orderly was killed.

When contacted, the Zone 12 police spokesperson, Thomas Goni, said he was yet to receive details of the attack.

"We are still waiting for the details of the incident. You know it did not happen within our jurisdiction here; it happened in Kaduna command; so I have been on the line with Kaduna to get the details from them," he said.

While confirming that the AIG is alive, Goni said information about the incident would be made available when details were received from the Kaduna command.

Kaduna police spokesperson, Mohammed Jalige, did not respond to calls and text messages sent to his mobile phone for his reaction to the attack.

Also on Tuesday night, gunmen stormed Manchok community in Kaura Local Government of Area of Kaduna state, killed Mr Daniel Yatai, the father of Philip Yatai, a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) and abducted his niece, Brenda.

The bandits also abducted the Rector of Federal School of Statistics, Manchok, Mr Amos Magbon.

The victim, Mr Yatai, 86, retired from the Nigeria Railway Corporation in 1991. His second child of the victim, who witnessed the sad event, Ms Christiana Yatai, said

that the gunmen came to the house, at about 11:15pm.

"We were five of us in the house; myself, my dad, my mum, two of my nieces and a nephew. They asked us to open the door and when we refused, they broke the main

entrance and gained access to the house. My father was in his room and one of them wearing a mask, who was outside, shot him through the window and the bullet hit him from the back. Those who entered the house later went to his room and finished him up.

"They went away with one of my nieces, Ms Brenda Friday, 21, a final year student of Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan Waya," she narrated.

Another child of the deceased, Mr Joseph Yatai, said

the gunmen had contacted the family and demanded N15 million to release the girl.

Similarly, brother to the rector, Innocent Magbon, said the gunmen had also reached out to the family to ask for a N15 million ransom.

## Protest as abductors kill varsity student, hotelier, 1 other after collecting N5m ransom

From **Oluseye Ojo**, Ibadan

**A** female student of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, in Oyo State, Rachael Opadele, has been shot dead by kidnappers after collecting N5 million ransom to release her, on Tuesday evening.

She was killed alongside a hotelier, Olugbenga Owolabi, as well as one other person, making a total of three people shot dead by the kidnappers who have unleashed a reign of terror on Ogbomoso in the recent time.

The development also attracted protests staged by students of LAUTECH, which temporarily paralysed commercial activities in Ogbomoso.

Opadele and Owolabi were abducted last Thursday, at Abaa in Ogbomoso. Opadele, as gathered, was a member of staff of the hotel founded by Owolabi.

Daily Sun was reliably informed that families of the victims and the kidnappers had agreed on N5 million ransom and Tuesday evening was fixed for the payment of the ransom. A commercial motorcyclist was hired to convey the person assigned to take the money to a designated place on Ogbomo-

so-Ilorin Road.

A family source stated that the motorcyclist was shot dead, apart from the two kidnapped victims, adding that the person who took the money to the designated place was shot several times, but native insurance made him escape death narrowly. But he sustained injury and has been hospitalised.

A source said: "The ransom was taken to a place dictated by the kidnappers on Tuesday

night, at Ogbomoso-Ilorin Road, around the Igbon area. The kidnappers took their time to count the money to ensure it was up to the agreed amount and the money was complete.

"But their anger was stoked when they became aware of the presence of soldiers at the LAUTECH area, who stormed Ogbomoso on Tuesday, ostensibly to provide security, sequel to the increasing waves of kidnapping in the area.

"Soldiers were deployed to Ogbomoso, on Tuesday, but the bandits thought we (family members of the victims) invited the soldiers and opened fire on the victims and the men who took the ransom to the place."

When contacted for comment on the development, the Police Public Relations Officer for the state, Adewale Osifeso, simply said: "You will be updated accordingly."

## ... Fish out perpetrators, students tell govt

From **Oluseye Ojo**, Ibadan

**THE** Students' Union Government (SUG), Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Oyo State, has called on the government to bring the killers of Rachael Abiola Opadele, a final year student of Fine and Applied Arts of the institution, to justice.

The trio of the SUG President in the university, Anuoluwa Adeboye; General Secretary, Okiki Opaleke and Public Relations Officer, Gabriel Michael, made the demand in a statement, yesterday. Rachael was abducted in the early hours of July 29, 2022, in a hotel at Aaba, a community

close to LAUTECH, where she was working as an ad hoc staff because she did not want to say at home, doing nothing, following the ongoing strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

The owner of the hotel was also kidnapped and the duo were reportedly shot dead by their abductors, after collecting N5 million ransom from their families. The statement by the SUG titled, "The Murder of Rachael Opadele: A Cry of Agony and Justice", read in part: "It is with heavy hearts that we announce the gruesome killing of our dear student, Rachael, a final year student of LAUTECH, who was kidnapped where she was working in Ogbomoso, due to

the ongoing ASUU strike.

"This is a dark moment in our school as we were lashed with the death of one of us. We were consumed when we first heard about her kidnap, and we led the team to write to governments, security operatives, and all concerned stakeholders to see to her release. It's so disheartening and terrible to have heard her dead in the early hours of today (Wednesday). Our heart is bleeding. Despite the notice to the government, security operatives, and all other stakeholders, there was no known form of genuine commitment demonstrated by all of them, in addressing this ugly trend in our community and the state. (Continued on [www.sunnewsonline.com](http://www.sunnewsonline.com))