

# Gunmen abduct VOA reporter's wife, child, kill FRSC officer



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Suspected kidnappers yesterday abducted the wife and child of a reporter with the Voice of America (VOA) in Kaduna. The abductors also killed a member of staff of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), who rushed out to help the victims.

The reporter, Malam Nasir Birnin-Yero, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the abductors, about 30 in number, attacked his residence in Birnin Yero, near Kaduna about 1:30a.m. He said: "They came to my house about 1:30a.m. I was not at home then but they forced themselves into my house and asked my wife of my whereabouts and she told them I was not at home. "They vandalised my television set and refrigerator

before taking my wife and son, insisting that they must take them to where I was.

“One of my neighbours, who worked with the FRSC, Sabitu Abdulhamid, was shot dead by the kidnappers when he rushed out in an attempt to save my family. “The kidnappers have not made any contact yet.” The state FRSC Sector Commander, Umar Ibrahim, confirmed the death of his official and described the incident as very unfortunate. Ibrahim described the deceased as a very hard working person, who was also a member of the community’s vigilante.

He said: “I am just coming back from the burial. It is a sad day for members of his family and the entire FRSC family.