

Christians outraged as bandits kill another pastor in Kaduna

The Christian community in Kaduna State once again took to the streets, to protest the killing of another Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Alhamdu Mangadus, by armed bandits.

Our correspondent learnt that the gunmen reportedly trailed the cleric to his farm in Jema'a Council in Southern Kaduna where he was killed.

State Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Rev. Joseph Hayab, said yesterday: "Gunmen killed Rev. Alhamdu Mangadus of Baptist Church, Asso (in Jema'a Council), today (September 11). He was shot and killed in his farm and they injured

another fellow from Tanda." Hayab, who has been a vocal critic of the relentless attacks on Christian clerics in the state, said Mangadus' corpse was taken to an unknown destination.

Meanwhile, soldiers of joint operation Thunder Strike have rescued seven persons kidnapped at Rijana, along Kaduna-Abuja highway, on Saturday.

The victims – Maryam Abubakar (7), Lawal Temitope (23), Suleiman Khadija (25), Aishat Bisola (26), Ahmad Abdulrafiu (26), Abdulrazak Okunola (35) and Bala Abdullahi (52) – have been handed over to Offa Descendant Union (ODU) in Kaduna at Sir Kashim House.