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Masari's chief cook kidnapped, killed by bandits

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KATSINA

The Chief Cook to Katsina State Governor Aminu Bello Masari, has been kidnapped by armed bandits in Katsina.

The cook, Alhaji Lawal Kambarawa was kidnapped a few days ago in his farm on Jibia Road while inspect-

ing the harvesting of his farm produce. The eldest son to the deceased, Ahmed Lawal, who spoke to newsmen yesterday in Katsina said that their father was kidnapped and killed by the bandits.

"Our father was kidnapped in his farm along Katsina-Jibia International Road leading to Niger Republic.

"Baba was lured to the farm by the caretaker of the farm when suddenly

the bandits appeared and whisked him away, together with our brother who drove him to the farm.

"The bandits later requested us to pay a ransom of five million naira which the family paid.

"However, the bandits killed our father and released our brother who informed the family that Baba has been killed," he said.

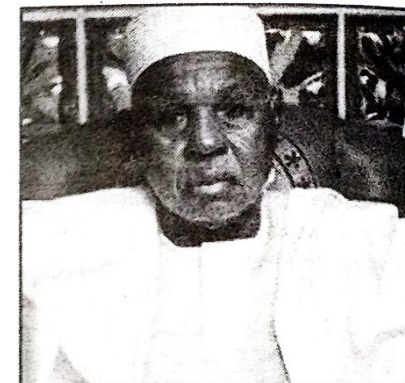
When contacted, the deceased

former Director, Alhaji Ishaq Karofi said that the deceased was a nice and humble man.

Karofi said that the deceased worked under him for 20 years when he was the secretary of Katsina State Tenders Board and the state Executive council.

Many staff at the Katsina Government House said that the deceased death was a shocker to them and prayed Allah to grant him eternal rest.

New Telegraph correspondent in Katsina observed that the Katsina-Jibia Road leading to Niger Republic before now, was the safest route as it was filled with several security check points, but has now turned to be one of the deadliest roads in Katsina State.



Governor Masari

The activities of bandits have forced various security personnel operating on the road to abandon the bushy area check points to more secured places.

Igbeaku Orji
UMUAHIA

The Abia State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of a soldier who stabbed a man to death in Umuahia, the state capital.

Speaking through the com-

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tion company in Umuahia. It was gathered that an altercation ensued between the duo at about 10am on Saturday around Umuahia.

The victim, according to eye witness, was immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Umuahia for treatment where he was certified dead.