## Kaduna: Bandits kill pastor in his farm

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Suspected bandits on Wednesday, stormed a farm in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing pastor Jeremian Mayau.

Pastor Mayau is with the Tawaliu Baptist Church, Kujamain Chikun Local Government Area.

Chairman of the Kaduna

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the ugly incident.

He said, "It is very sad that we lost 12 people, comprising of men and women in a boat sharp in Arikiya, Lafia Local Government Area of the state.

"19 people were on board, 12 died and 7 rescued. Lafia LGA and our dear state have been thrown into mourning over this sad incident.

"We urged the family, Lafia Local Government Area and the state government to bear the irreparable loss," the speaker said.

Continuing, the Speaker said, "On behalf of myself, Hon members and the staff, we condole with the bereaved families, Lafia LGA and the state government over their death in a boat mishap. We pray for the repose of their souls."

State Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Rev Joseph Hayab, confirmed the killing to journalists in Kaduna, the state capital yesterday.

Chikun Local Government has been in the throes of attacks for sometimes now, even though Kujama the headquarters of the LGA is a few kilometers away from the

metropolis.

The CAN Chairman said the incident took place when the cleric was on his farm cultivating his crop and described the incident as "barbaric" while urging security operatives to exercise vigilance in the discharge of their duties with a view to stopping the nefarious activities of criminal elements in the state.

Hayab further said, "The barbaric incident happened on Wednesday afternoon, while Rev. Jeremiah Mayau was in his farm at Prison Farms,

Kujama.

He said, "It is very painful that gunmen move freely in broad day light to execute their evil act and get away with it in a civilized society like ours where we have constituted authority that is expected to check mate these criminal elements in the society.

"It is also painful that when you raise an eye brow, you are seen as a deviant that is just looking for trouble while those in authority have otherwise refused to do the right thing to ensure harmonious coexistence among the citizens."

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