Terrorists Kill Sokoto Monarch Days After Appeal For Help



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Three weeks after the Emir of Gobir of Gatawa, Alhaji Isa Bawa, was kidnapped on his way home from Sokoto town, his family yesterday confirmed the death of the monarch in kidnappers den in Isa/Sabon Birni forest.

A family source confirmed the death of the emir, as announced by those who paid the ransom to secure his release, who stated that the bandits had already killed him.

"The abducted Sarkin Gobir is dead. He died this morning while in captivity as a result of trauma," the family said. However, as at the time of filling this report, either the Sultanate Council or the Police command had commented on the issue.

In a video released last week, the Emir was seen begging the Sokoto State government and the Sultanate Council to pay the ransom demanded by the bandits, saying that if the deadline was not met, they would kill him.

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Three weeks ago, the bandits kidnapped the Emir in the Kwanar Maharba area while he was on his way home after attending a meeting in Sokoto town.

In an interview with Alhaji Shuaibu Gwanda Gobir, who is the traditional title holder of Magaji Garin Gobir and one of the king – makers, he said they received news that the kidnappers had killed the emir on Tuesday.

Bawa, who was abducted by terrorists, had cried out for help in a new video released by the gunmen The Emir and his son were kidnapped in July at the Kwanar Maharba area while travelling from Sokoto to his home town, Sabon Birni, the headquarters of Sabon Birni Local Government of Sokoto State.

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