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Kidnappers Kill DSS Officer in Katsina after Collecting N5m Ransom

● *Repentant bandits surrender 700 firearms*

Francis Sardauna in Katsina

A 33-year-old operative of the Department of State Services (DSS), Sadiq Abdullahi Bindawa, has been killed by his suspected abductors after receiving the sum of N5 million as ransom.

The deceased, who until his

death, worked with the intelligence department of the service in Abuja, was kidnapped on Saturday at his residence behind the Federal Secretariat in Katsina metropolis.

Bindawa alongside his four-year-old son, according to credible family sources, were in Katsina to spend the weekend with their

relatives when the gory incident occurred.

The assailants in a commando-style operation, stormed the residence of the victim at about 10.30p.m and whisked him away to an unknown destination.

A family member, who craved anonymity, told THISDAY yesterday that the hoodlums demanded a ransom barely 48 hours after his abduction.

The source said the kidnappers earlier demanded N13 million as

ransom, but after negotiations, they agreed to collect N5 million for his freedom.

He said: "He was about entering his residence behind the Federal Secretariat on Saturday night at about 10.30p.m after returning

from our family house when the kidnappers forcefully removed him from his car after beating his security guard to comma. We reported the incident to Batagarawa police station but nothing was done.