

Bandits kill man, abduct wife in Katsina

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THE son of former chairman of Musawa Local Government Area of Katsina State, identified as Bello Musawa, has been killed by suspected bandits while his wife was reportedly abducted.

The incident, which occurred shortly before midnight last Monday at Musawa town, came on the heels of the abduction of the former chairman of neighbouring Kankia Local Government Area of the state, Hamisu Abubakar Sukuntuni, at his Rimaye country home in the area.

The fate of both captives had reportedly thrown the two communities into confusion as

sympathisers thronged the affected victims' compounds following the demands of the gunmen for N10 million for the release of each of the victims.

Sources revealed that the bandits allegedly asked Sukuntuni to give them money but he told them he had none, which did not go down well with the criminals, who whisked him to an unknown destination.

At Musawa, Bello Musawa was said to have declined the request of the gunmen that invaded his house with no fewer than 10 motorcycles to go with them into the bush.

A source said, "As a result, a quarrel ensued between them

and in the process, the bandits opened fire on him and killed him on the spot."

The source added that the gunmen later disappeared with Bello's first wife, a mother of three.

The deceased, sources added, has since been buried in Musawa, where his father, Mohammed Ilelah Musawa, received the state governor, Aminu Bello Masari, and several dignitaries that paid him condolence visit, yesterday.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Katsina command, SP Gambo Isah, could not be reached for comments at press time.