

Bandits attack Kaduna church, kill doctor, abduct worshippers

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BANDITS again struck in Kaduna State, yesterday, as they attacked Haske Baptist Church at Manini Tasha village of Kuriga Ward in Chikun Local Government Area, killing a medical doctor and abducting worshippers.

A survivor, Yakubu Bala, said the bandits, wielding dangerous weapons, attacked the church at about 9am, shooting sporadically to throw the entire church into pandemonium.

He said: "One worshipper was gunned down. Dr Zakariah Dogo Yaro, a medical doctor with the Kaduna State Ministry of Health was shot dead and unspecified number of people were also kidnapped.

"Many worshipers sustained injuries. As am talking to you now, we have not seen some of the villagers who ran into the bush. Most of the villagers have fled to

neighbouring villages."

The Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN, which confirmed the attack, expressed sadness over the spate of banditry, killings and abductions in Kaduna State.

Secretary of Kaduna State chapter of CAN, Rev Caleb Ma'aji, said in a statement: "It has grown so unfortunate that on a daily basis, terrorist who have continued to hold our dear state and nation to ransom.

"Today (yesterday) April 25, 2021, innocent worshippers, who went out for nothing but to worship and pray to God, were attacked, a medical doctor and one other person killed, many members injured and others taken into captivity.

"This is happening in a nation that its constitution allows freedom of religion, yet this freedom is not guaranteed.

"CAN, Kaduna State, continues to wonder, what is the crime of innocent citizens. How come the terrorists appear freer and protected than the citizens?"