

# Gunmen kill NAN correspondent's father

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**K**ADUNA — Gunmen,  
Tuesday night in  
Manchok, Kaduna State,  
killed Mr Daniel Yatai, the  
father of Philip Yatai, a  
correspondent of the News  
Agency of Nigeria (NAN) and  
abducted his niece, Brenda

It was gathered that they  
also abducted Mr Amos  
Magbon, Rector of Federal  
School of Statistics, Manchok,  
in Kaura Local Government of  
the state.

The victim, Mr Daniel Yatai,  
86, retired from the Nigeria  
Railway Corporation in 1991

The second child of the  
victim, who witnessed the sad  
event, Ms Christiana Yatai,  
said the gunmen came to the  
house at about 11:15 pm.

She said: "We were five in  
the house; myself, my dad, my  
mum, two of my niece and a  
nephew.

"They asked us to open the  
door and when we refused, they  
broke the main entrance and  
gained access to the house.

"My father was in his room and  
one of them wearing a mask, who  
was outside, shot him through the  
window and the bullet hit him  
from the back. Those who entered  
the house later went to his room  
and finished him up.

"They went away with one of  
my nieces, Ms Brenda Friday, 21,  
a final year student of Kaduna  
State College of Education, Gidan  
Waya."

Another child of the deceased,  
Mr Joseph Yatai, said the  
gunmen had contacted the family  
and demanded N15 million to  
release the girl.

Similarly, the brother to the  
rector, Innocent Magbon, said the  
gunmen had also reached out to  
the family to ask for a N15m  
ransom.

When contacted, Kaduna Police  
Command spokesperson, DSP  
Mohammed Jalige, promised to  
get back.