

## Kaduna: Six killed as locals attempt to foil kidnap in Zonkwa community

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Six locals were reportedly killed when they attempted to foil the kidnap of two persons in Zonkwa, headquarters of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The suspected kidnappers who attacked the community, according to a statement, invaded the residence of one Mr. Calistus Eze and abducted him together with another person called Mrs Amos.

The kidnappers shot sporadically when locals attempted to foil the kidnap and in the process, killed Mr Eze, five other locals and went away with Mrs Amos injuring others.

According to the statement by Yabo Chris Ephraim, media aide to the Council's Chairman, "Rt. Hon. Francis A. Sani (FCNA) earlier today cut short his engagements in Kaduna to visit and commiserate with the families of yesterday's unfortunate kidnapping of Mr. Calistus Eze and Mrs. Amos, which resulted in the death of Mr. Calistus Eze and five other people in Zonkwa."

He said "yesterday, 17th January 2023 at about 8 p.m., kidnappers numbering about four made their way to the residence of Mr. Calistus Eze and took him alongside one Mrs. Amos. Shooting sporadically as they made their

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He said the kidnappers met fierce resistance until they gunned down Mr. Calistus Eze to ease their escape, killing five other locals and injuring many more in the process, before taking away Mrs. Amos. The injured victims are currently receiving treatment at some separate medical facilities.”

“The chairman expressed deep shock and sadness over the unfortunate incident, describing it as inhuman and barbaric. He extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of the victims, and prayed for the eternal repose of their souls, while also praying for the speedy recovery of those injured. He said the Local Government Council is in touch with the families regarding the burial arrangements of those who lost their lives.”

The police in Kaduna was yet to react to the incident.

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