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Bandits kill 2, abduct woman, daughter during Ramadan prayers in Katsina

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CHAIRMAN of Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina State, Musa Faskari, has confirmed the killing of two worshippers observing Ramadan prayers at Mairua community of the council.

Faskari, in an interview with BBC Hausa Service monitored by Vanguard, said the attack happened during Tarawih prayers Saturday night.

He said: "The assailants stormed

the home of Alhaji Lado Mairua during the prayers and demanded that he should follow them but he refused. So, they shot him dead."

He also disclosed that Lado's neighbour, who arrived the scene on motorcycle, on witnessing the incident, raised the alarm and was also killed by the assailants.

Faskari confirmed that the attack led to the abduction of Alhaji Lado Mairua's wife and his 15-year-old daughter.

Faskari said: "This is the second time the his wife will be kidnapped by the bandits. The situation of Faskari resident is terrible. The bandits have set up several camps in our council and these attacks have become almost an everyday experience for us."

He expressed worries over the growing boldness of the bandits, adding: "Earlier Saturday, they invaded Malalai village and killed two persons and went away with two other women."

He further revealed that a soldier was killed in Ruwan Godiya the same day.

He said: "We are calling on the Federal Government to look into our plight. This situation is proving to be beyond what the state alone can handle."

"Unless security forces take the fight to the bandits, the attacks will continue and there will be no end to their menace. There's an urgent need to invade their hideouts and crush them."