

Kaduna Judge Abduction: Terrorists kill eldest son; demand N300m ransom to release Judge



File image of bandits

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Terrorists who abducted a Kaduna female judge and her children, have killed the eldest son and threatened to kill the other children if the ransom they demanded was not paid.

The Chief Executive Officer of the House of Justice, Gloria Mabeiam Ballason Esq, has in a statement, “condemned the abduction of a Customary Court Judge, HW Janet Galadima, and her four children as well as the grisly murder of her 14-year old son by the terrorists.”

She said Janet Galadima was on the night of Sunday 23 June, 2024 along with her four sons at their residence in Kaduna State, North-West Nigeria while her medical doctor husband was away on duty.

“The abductors reported to have been about fifteen, took their captives hostage and demanded a huge sum as ransom. On Tuesday 2 July 2024, the terrorists shot dead the 14-year first son of the Judge when the ransom demanded could not be obtained.”

Ballason condemned the abduction and murder in the strongest possible terms stating that judicial officers under Article 7 of the United Nations Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary, deserve protection and adequate security to enable them carry out their judicial functions and that the Nigerian State has a Constitutional mandate under Section 33 and 14 (2)b of the 1999 Constitution to guarantee and ensure the safety of the Judge, her family and all citizens.

She described the murder of Victor, the 14-year old son of the Judge as ‘grisly and blood curdling ‘ stating that no parent deserves the horror of watching their child being killed in such cold, callous manner.

She called on the Nigerian security agencies, the Governor of Kaduna state, the Nigeria Bar Association and the Judiciary to rise to the urgency of the moment for the protection of lives of His Worship, Janet Galadima and her children and to ensure justice is served.

The Police spokesperson in Kaduna was yet to react to inquiry on the incident as at time of this report.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA), Kaduna State chapter in a statement issued by Dr Shuaibu Joga, the PRO, said it received with rude shock the turn of events regarding to one of their members whose wife and 4 children were kidnapped on 23/06/2024 at his residence while he was away in Kano for an official assignment.

” Following the incident we visited and interacted with him and he informed us that the kidnappers had made a demand of N300 million to secure their release. While the security agencies had been informed and negotiations with the kidnappers ongoing

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“In response we are calling for an emergency SEC meeting today and a press conference to further call on the authorities to expedite action on securing their immediate release and also release of our other doctor kidnapped 6 months ago.”

“We call for calm from members and request all to stay safe while we engage the necessary security organs to end this needless unwanton evil,” the statement added.

Meanwhile, a family source said they humbly plead for ur assistance to spread the nformation praying that it may reach the right person/entity to intervene.

“The wife and 4 children of Dr. Musa Gimba Dutse were kidnapped on the 23/06/24 from his residence in Kaduna while he was away in Kano for an official assignment.”

“Security agencies were duly informed after the incident with kidnappers initially demanding N300 million (they reduced it 298million) to secure their release. While negotiations were ongoing, the kidnappers murdered Dr. Musa’s eldest son Victor (14yrs) on 2/7/24 to force payment of the ransom.”

” Dr. Musa is a civil servant working for the state primary healthcare board and his wife Janet is a magistrate with Kaduna state customary court. They do not have the funds and despite all efforts he has not been able to raise the ransom. Worrying still the kidnappers are still demanding N298m and threatening more violence.

the kidnappers are still demanding ransom and threatening more violence, consequently we are increasingly fearful for his wife and remaining 3 children who remain in their clutches.

“Although the Kaduna State Government, security agencies as well as Nigeria Medical and Bar Associations are aware, they have not been fruitful in their efforts.”
” I humbly and respectfully request you share this sad story to raise awareness of this family’s plight and possibly get the help Dr. Musa needs to secure his family’s release,” the source added.