

Bandits kidnap 4-yr-old son of Katsina council chair, kill aide

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SSUSPECTED bandits on Tuesday invaded the residence of Chairman of Malumfashi Local Government Area, Katsina State chairman, Maharazu Dayi, killing his security aide and abducted his four-year-old son, Ahmed.

A resident of the area disclosed that the bandits arrived for the operation in Malumfashi township about 1:45a.m., riding in three vehicles, a departure from their usual practice of riding on motorcycles.

"Though the chairman was not around, the bandits gained access into his compound by scaling one of his neighbours' fence. It was his wife's sister that spotted the intruders and alerted the household," the source said.

To avoid being captured by the bandits, the source revealed that "some of the family members hid in a toilet while the chairman's wife locked herself in her room.

"The bandits were still able to seize two of the Chairman's children sleeping in another room."

Maharazu's wife immediately contacted her husband, who was in Katsina, and he in turn alerted the Malumfashi Divisional Police Officer, DPO, of the development.

On arrival at the scene, a shootout ensued, forcing the bandits to release one of the abducted children.

However, the bandits escaped with Maharazu's four-year-old son, Ahmed.

Spokesperson Katsina Police Command, Sadiq Abubakar, confirmed the attack.

He said three individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident.