

Gunmen Kidnap Pastor During Sunday Morning Service

Militants entered a Sunday service and kidnapped the pastor, according to reports.

The incident occurred Sunday at a branch of Redeemed Christian Church of God in Lagos, Nigeria. The pastor, who reports identify as Bojamo, arrived at the campus early.

“He was busy preparing for the meeting, when suddenly some people came in dressed in beautiful attire and they were taken for members who had come to worship,” on church member told *Vanguard*. “It was not until they pulled out guns before it dawned on us that they are militants.”

Another church member verified the story to *Punch*:

They dressed like people who had come to church. They had Bibles with them. They did not shoot or display any weapon. It was when they got to the pastor that they brought out their guns and ordered him to come with them.

The pastor got to the church before anyone else and only three members had arrived before the abduction.

We discovered after they had left that they were Ijaw militants. They have taken away our pastor. Some members, after the incident, went to the pastor's house to inform his family members.

It is a sad occurrence in our area that residents are being abducted, raped, assaulted and even killed every day. It is a problem that has been left to become a calamity.

I think the state government and the police really need to do something about these recurring incidents. We are at the mercy of the Ijaw boys.

Ijaw militants have made a name for themselves with multiple

kidnappings around the region, according to the *Daily Post*.

Punch reports RCCG media relations' Pastor Segun Adegbiyi confirmed the pastor's kidnapping.

"RCCG will not take abduction or murder of our pastors and members anymore," Adegbiyi told *Punch*. "We like to warn murderers and abductors that God will show up with anger and fire. He will consume them speedily."