

Gunmen Storm Nigerian Church During Service, Shoot Pastor and Abduct 25 Women

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Armed assailants reportedly attacked a Christian church early Sunday morning in Nigeria, shooting and wounding its pastor, and kidnapping more than two dozen people.

The incident occurred around 7:00 a.m. at the New Life for All Church in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State, just as people had gathered for worship services, according to The Guardian.

Reverend Ishaya Jarau, the senior special assistant (SSA) to the state governor, described the gunmen as “terrorists,” telling reporters they had “abducted 25 worshippers and left the church pastor with injuries while they were conducting services.”

Following the attack, state security personnel had doubled their efforts to seek the release of the rest of the victims, he said.

However, SP Gambo Isah, the spokesperson for the Police Command, confirmed the attack but said only five people were abducted, according to The Guardian.

“The terrorists stormed the church in large numbers at 7:00 a.m. and abducted five worshippers who were all women. They shot and wounded the pastor, identified as Pastor Haruna. They did not go away with him, but they abducted the women,” he said.

The Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) said the attack on the Kankara church was a part of a coordinated

series of attacks by terrorists over the last seven years against the Christian faith.

Catholic Priest Died When House Set on Fire

 As CBN's Faithwire reported, a Roman Catholic priest recently burned to death after gunmen set his living quarters on fire.

The Rev. Fr. Isaac Achi of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church was reportedly murdered in Kafin-Koro, Paikoro County, Niger state, after extremists set his living quarters on fire, Morning Star News reported.

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