

‘There Is Genocide Taking Place’: Jihadists Attack Church, Kill 3 and Abduct Pastor

Armed men have attacked another church in Nigeria. This time, the gunmen killed at least three people and kidnapped a group of worshippers, including the church’s pastor.

The attack on the Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) congregation on Tuesday evening in Eruku, Kwara state, Nigeria, came just hours after 25 girls were abducted from a boarding school and one staffer was shot and another wounded in the country’s northern region.

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Gunshots interrupted Tuesday night’s service shortly after members of the church arrived for a meeting, International Christian Concern, a persecution watchdog group, reports. Witnesses recalled that the gunmen entered the church compound, firing their weapons, causing worshippers to flee in different directions.

Those who couldn’t flee were held at gunpoint and forced into nearby forest paths that link Eruku with surrounding villages.

“They later rounded up some worshippers, including the pastor, and took them into the bush,” church member Joseph Bitrus told Reuters by phone, without saying how many were taken.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Police responded to gunfire and found one person fatally shot inside the church and another nearby, Kwara state police spokesperson Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi said in a statement.

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Witnesses said the attackers fled very quickly using bush routes commonly used by armed groups operating between Ekiti, Oke-Ero, and communities bordering Kogi state.

Families are still searching for missing relatives; meanwhile, the exact number of abducted church members has not been confirmed.

There have been several attacks across Kwara, but the recent abduction in Eruku is noted to be the most significant.

Kwara State Gov. AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, in a statement on Wednesday, praised Nigerian President Bola Tinubu for the deployment of 900 additional troops there.

As CBN News has reported, Christians have been gruesomely murdered this month as the ongoing genocide in Nigeria continues.

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Nigeria remains one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian, according to Open Doors' 2025 World Watch List. In a recent report, the organization noted that of the 4,476 Christians killed recently for their faith worldwide, 3,100 or 69 percent took place in Nigeria.

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