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Latest: 12 Worshippers Abducted During Church Service in Kurmin Wali, Kaduna

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Gunmen stormed a church service in Kurmin Wali community, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, on Sunday morning, 15 November 2026, and abducted 12 worshippers"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Gunmen stormed a church service in Kurmin Wali community, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, on Sunday morning, 15 November 2026, and abducted 12 worshippers. Three of the captives escaped and made their way home. Nine are still being held by their abductors, and the village now counts 14 of its people in captivity.

It was 9:14 in the morning. The congregation was gathered for worship when armed men came in from the east side of the village, where forest, thick bush and rocky ground give cover. They moved quietly, and by the time the community understood what was happening, 12 of their neighbours were gone.

The village head, Isiaku Danazumi, confirmed the attack to the Daily Trust on Monday. He said three of the abducted worshippers narrowly escaped and returned to the community, while nine remain in the hands of their abductors. The Kaduna State chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) disclosed the attack publicly on Tuesday, 17 November, through its chairman, the Reverend Caleb Bawa Ma'aji.

Ma'aji said the community had already suffered an attack on 5 October 2026, when gunmen abducted five residents who are still being held. Added to Sunday's nine, that brings the number of Kurmin Wali residents currently in captivity to 14. Some reports put the October abductions on 2 and 10 October instead of 5 October; the number held - five from October, nine from Sunday - is the same in every account.

One detail differs between the reports and is worth stating plainly. The Daily Trust and Vanguard place Kurmin Wali in Kajuru Local Government Area, in Afogo Ward. One other outlet names Chikun Local Government Area instead. The village head spoke to the Daily Trust, and the January attack on the same village was reported in Kajuru, so this article follows Kajuru.

Kurmin Wali Church Abduction November 15: What Happened On Sunday Morning

Kurmin Wali is a farming community, and its people have learned to count their losses in Sundays. The attack on 15 November was the sixth on the village since January, according to local reporting. The gunmen came during worship, took 12 people, and left before the community could organise any response.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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