Nigerian pastor Lawan Andimi executed by terrorist group

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Lawan Andimi (screengrab)

Lawan Andimi, the Nigerian Church of the Brethren pastor whose hostage video made waves on the internet last month, was executed on January 20, according to conflict and terrorism reporter Ahmad Salkida.

Andimi was reported missing on January 3 after Boko Haram or a splinter terrorist group attacked the town where Andimi was working as the director of the Christian Association of Nigeria.

His hostage video garnered international attention for what some called his Christian testimony.

"By the grace of God, I will be together with my wife, my children, and my colleagues," he said. "[But] if the opportunity has not been granted, maybe it is the will of God . . . be patient, don't cry, don't worry. But thank God for everything." — Christian Century staff