

Gunmen ambush, kill Plateau district head

By : Isa Abdulsalami Date: 18 June 2026 4:10am WAT Share :



Follow Us on Google Discover



Bandits

Some [unknown gunmen](#) have allegedly killed the District Head of Gwande in Bokkos Local Council of Plateau State, [Safron Samuel Alaket](#), in an ambush along the Sha District axis bordering Daffo community.

Sources in the area said the incident occurred at about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday while the traditional ruler was returning from the popular Tuesday Market in Daffo. He had earlier attended a traditional council meeting in Bokkos before

returning to Gwande.

According to residents, the attackers ambushed the traditional ruler's vehicle near the boundary between the Sha District and the Daffo community. He was said to have sustained injuries during the attack and was immediately rushed to a nearby clinic for emergency medical treatment, but he did not survive.

Confirming the incident, a member of the community, Mr Aten Pukat, described the traditional ruler's death as a painful loss to the people of Gwande and the entire Bokkos area.

Pukat said the attack had thrown the Bokkos Traditional Council and residents into mourning, noting that the district head was widely respected for his role in promoting peace and community development. He added that condolences had continued to pour in from traditional institutions, community leaders and sympathisers following the tragic development.

The spokesperson for the Plateau Police Command, Alfred Alabo, could not be reached for confirmation as of press time.