

Gunmen kill policeman in Taraba, abduct Plateau lawmaker

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A police sergeant has been gunned down by gunmen at a checkpoint in Taraba State.

Daily Trust gathered that a police Sergeant was on duty at a checkpoint in Tella town in Gassol Local Government Area when gunmen attacked the checkpoint at about 10pm on Monday and shot him.

A source in the town told Daily

Trust that the policeman was hit on the head and he died instantly, while other policemen at the checkpoint ran away.

The gunmen, it was gathered, took away the rifle of the victim before escaping from the scene.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Taraba State Police Command, ASP Leshen James, did not pick up calls or reply to a text message sent to him on the incident.

Meanwhile, a member of the Plateau State House of Assembly

representing Pankshin South, Laven Denty Jacob, was kidnapped on Monday evening from his residence in Anguwan Kagji, Dong community, Jos North LGA.

A close aide and family member of the lawmaker confirmed the incident to journalists in Jos, stating that it occurred around 7.30pm on Monday.

According to the aide, the lawmaker was attacked by three masked men at his gate while waiting for his security personnel to open it, explaining that the

kidnappers forcefully took him away from his vehicle to an unknown location.

The aide said the kidnappers called and demanded a ransom of N50 million from the family.

The Police Command's spokesperson, DSP Alabo Alfred, hasn't responded to inquiries.

The House is yet to react to the incident.

This incident occurred just ten days after a corps member and a University of Jos student were kidnapped in the area.

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