

Lawyer shot dead in Jos

Barely three days after a governorship aspirant in Plateau state was assassinated and a production staff of the NTA, Jos, died in suspicious circumstances, a lawyer has

From Rakiya A.
Muhammad, Jos

been shot dead in Jos, heightening fears among residents of the once serene city.

The lawyer identified as

Mr. Pedras Efe Ofokpo, was said to have been killed Tuesday night at Heipang Lodge along Tafawa Balewa road.

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Association (NBA), Plateau state, Mr. Garba Pwul, said the association is investigating the incident to unravel what led to the killing.

Plateau State Commissioner of Police, Richard Chime, who confirmed the incident to journalists, said it happened

between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm on Tuesday when some hoodlums went to the hotel and attacked the deceased.

He said the police is still investigating the matter and that they are leaving all options open as "one cannot foreclose anything", he added.

The police commissioner however stated that no arrests have been made in connection with the incident but raised hopes that before next week, the police would come out with something concrete on the previous murders in the state.

Though he said the police is worried about the rise in violent crimes in the state, Mr Chime said "the truth is that in this service at times there is a surge in crime, it does happen even in the entire country when you have to re-strategize and contain it".

He disclosed that the police command has identified some areas where they would concentrate more attention and that by the time the equipment promised by the state government to boost security in the state arrives this weekend, there would be positive changes in the security situation in the state.

"We are on top of the situation. One thing I want to assure is that by next week, there's going to be a major change", he pledged.

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"I think they have something to hide for not allowing our observers to partake in the interview process in all the states of the federation. What we are saying is that let us do our job by making sure that there is no lopsidedness in the whole process. But I am surprised; it has become a war between the two commissions.

"Already, we have written to the Presidency, Head of Service of the Federation and Secretary to the Government of the Federation on this same issue. We have asked them (civil service) for the list and told them to make sure we are represented before they distribute the letters but they went ahead.

"We are not condemning the holding of the interview but we are saying that we want to be represented".

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