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Unknown gunmen kill 8 in Gombe

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Unknown gunmen wearing masks on Friday killed eight people in a beer parlor at Federal Low Cost area of Gombe, the capital of Gombe state.

Speaking to one of the victim, Isa Patrick, who managed to escaped with a gunshot wound on his shoulder said, he was at the beer parlor since 7 pm for evening relaxation until around 9 pm when he was forced to take to his heel when he heard sound of sporadic gunshots at a close range.

Patrick added that, in the first instance, he told his friend with whom he was sitting in the beer parlor that the sound was emanating from the knock-outs some children were igniting very close to them. But when the sound persisted he started running for his dear live. In the process he was shot.

He added that five people, including the proprietress of the beer parlor, were killed instantly, while three others died in the hospital.

Shortly after the operation, the unknown gunmen left without touching a single item at the place. This gave room for speculations that the killers were not arm robbers. Contacted, the police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abdullahi Kamba, said he was yet to get details of the crime.

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