

Robbers kill businessman, pregnant wife in Yobe

A GANG of six robbers on Wednesday night attacked and killed a businessman, Mallam Mamman Musa and his pregnant wife, Mariya, at their residence in Potiskum, 100 kilometres west of Damaturu, Yobe State capital.

The robbers, who entered the house and opened fire on Musa and his wife, shot him in the throat. He died on the spot while Mariya was shot on the thigh while pleading with the bandits.

Eyewitness said the robbers demanded for money that Musa brought. They allegedly threatened to kill him and members of his family if he failed to surrender the money.

In the process of collecting the money from the safe, one of the robbers fired at the thigh of the wife, who fell on the floor of their bedroom in a pool of blood.

Confirming the killings, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Bulama Husseini, told *The Guardian* that the rob-

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bers struck at the victims' residence at about 2.00 a.m. on Wednesday.

He said the robbers demanded for the money collected on the market day, threatening that failure to surrender the money would cause Musa death.

Vice Chairman of Potiskum Local Council, Alhaji Rabiul Idi Gabal, said that one of the six robbers was arrested by the police barely eight hours after the incident.

He said that the suspect was assisting the police on how to arrest his colleagues.

Meanwhile, Governor Mamman Bello Ali has visited Potiskum to commiserate with the families of the victims.

Ali said the intensive patrol of highways has forced the robbers to resort to attacking and killing people in their homes.

The governor assured the people of Potiskum that security operatives would be patrolling both the highways and the streets in the cities and towns to protect them.