

Cleric, Wife Feared Killed By Gunmen In Plateau

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APASTOR, Musa Choji, and his wife, have been murdered at Rim village in Riyom Council of Plateau State, just as armed bandits ransacked Ruff village of Kombun district of Mangu Council.

The pastor and his wife were said to be working in their farm in Rim when gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen struck and killed the couple on Thursday.

But spokesman of the Special Task Force (STF), Captain Mdahyelya Markus, while speaking on the incident, said: "They have been declared missing because their bodies have not yet been found. It is very possible they have been murdered and it is also possible they are still alive. It is only when we find their bodies that we can confirm that they have been murdered."

"For now, we are still frantically trying to find out the true position of the incident. We are still investigating to unravel the mystery."

In Ruff village, armed robbers were said to have come in their large numbers and started shooting sporadically during which one Mr. Titus Tonga, who attempted to defend himself with a stick, was shot. He died before getting to the cottage hospital in Mangu. Four houses were said to have been raided in the operation.

Last week, a similar robbery incident took place in Ampang West District in the same local council, where a businessman, one Nwan, was killed and others wounded by the robbers, who carted away huge amount of money.

Shortly after the Ampang West raid, the same daredevils armed men went to Daika village in Panyam district of Mangu and robbed villagers of their belongings. One Emmanuel was said to have been robbed of his little savings which he kept to buy fertilizers for the new farming season.

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