

Gunmen kill Plateau PDP chief, wife, child

ANPP condemns murder of party chairman in Rivers

From Isa Abdulsalami (Jos) and
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SUSPECTED Fulani herds-
men at Gwarim in Rim
Village yesterday killed the
Chairman of the Peoples
Democratic Party (PDP)
Sharubutu Ward in Bachit
District of Riyom Local
Council of Plateau State, Mr.
John Baren, his wife and
their child.

Residents alleged that
Baren was returning from
a burial of a relation in Riyom
town when the assailants
ambushed him along the
two family members and
shot them dead. The gory in-
cident took place at about
3.30 p.m. when the PDP chief
was riding his motorcycle.

A lawmaker representing
Riyom Constituency in the
state House of Assembly,

Daniel Dem, who confirmed
the incident, described it as
sad and called on the Special
Task Force (STF) to step up se-
curity and bring the culprits
to book.

Meanwhile, the leadership
of the All Nigeria Peoples
Party (ANPP) has con-
demned the murder of the
chairman of the Rivers State
chapter of the party, Elder
Julius Nwanfu.

Nwanfu was murdered by
unknown persons on Tues-
day in Port Harcourt, the
state capital.

The party urged the police
authorities to bring the per-
petrators of the dastardly
act to book.

The ANPP's National Public-
ity Secretary, Emma
Eneukwu, in a statement
yesterday enjoined mem-

bers of the party in Rivers
State to exercise restraint on
the issue.

He said: "We view this most
unfortunate development as
a dastardly act, which must
be redressed. Accordingly,
we call on the Nigeria Police
and other relevant security
agencies to begin immedi-
ate investigation into the cir-
cumstances surrounding
this gruesome murder.

"This is with the aim of
identifying the perpetrators
of the crime in order to en-
sure that they are brought to
justice. As a political party,
we urge our members in
Rivers State and indeed
other parts of the country to
remain calm. We expect that
nothing less than justice
shall be done in this matter,"
he said.