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Gunmen kill three persons in Plateau, police shoot one in Rivers

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Unknown gunmen killed three persons at Dorowa Village in Barkin Lasi Local Council of Plateau State yesterday.

Those killed included an officer of the Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), a former Head of Service in Plateau State Government, Da Moses Gwom and one another unidentified woman.

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However, Gwom's wife on hearing the sound of the gunshots took cover and escaped being a victim of the attack. Spokesman of the OPHS, Captain Umar Adam, who confirmed the incident, described it as an unfortunate development.

"Two civilians and one soldier were killed in the incident while two people were seriously wounded and are receiving treatment in a hospital as I speak," he said.

Adam added that the troops of OPHS have taken control of the area as they cordoned off the place combing every nook and cranny with a view to bringing the perpetrators to justice.

But the Plateau State Police Command said gunmen attacked and killed Gwom at Dorowa Village while they injured 12 others. Police Spokesman, Assistant Superintendent Mathias Terna Tyopev, confirmed this in a telephone interview.

Meanwhile, youths in Rumuokparali Community in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State yesterday protested the killing of a young man in the area by policemen.

It was learnt that some uniformed men suspected to be officers of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) had visited to arrest some vigilante group members and a youth identified as Blacky was shot.

However, some youths who noticed that the victim had died, attacked the uniform men, over powered one of them and took his rifle.

A source in the community, Moses Chinda, alleged that the officers had entered the community to arrest local vigilante members on Tuesday evening resulting in a face off between the security men and some youths.



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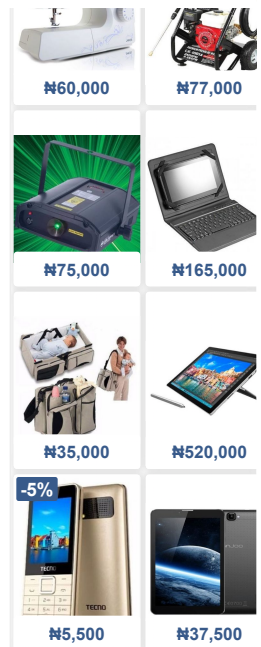
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