



•Gompil

Suspected herdsmen kill policeman ... as wife, children watch

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The orgy of violence in parts of Plateau State continued last Sunday evening when a mobile policeman was brutally murdered in the presence of his family.

The deceased, Sgt Cletus Suwe Gompil, was allegedly killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen at about 8pm at Kwanga community in Jos South Local Government Area of the state.

Gompil, said to be an Ngas from Kanke local council area of the state, left behind a wife and three children.

A source in the Plateau State police command, who confirmed the attack, also told our correspondent that four Fulani men residing in a nearby camp have been arrested in connection with the killing and are already helping the police in their investigation.

A neighbor of the deceased, Raymond Gukas, narrated how the victim was killed: "I lived very close to the policeman. In the evening of last Sunday, at about 8pm, I was at home with my family watching a television program when we heard a gunshot. I began to wonder where the sound came from, but we were careful not to rush out. After some time, we started hearing people crying from the direction of his home, and I went to out to discover my neighbor had been shot.

"We heard that the policeman was resting with his family when they were attracted by the continuous barking of their dog. This was said to have been followed by a knock on their door. He was said to have been dragged outside by the attackers who allegedly asked him where he kept his rifle."

His assailants were said to have been infuriated by his refusal to disclose to them where he kept his rifle and went inside the house to search for the gun.

"They didn't believe him, so they asked his family to take them round the house. After sometime, they eventually found the rifle in his inner where he kept it. They later turned

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