

Again, 2 politicians escape assassination in Plateau

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THE trend in political killings in Plateau State may not abate soon as two fresh attempted assassinations were recorded in the state, Wednesday night.

Governor Joshua Dariye of the state has described the

trend as "horrific and high profile," warning that anybody caught with arms will be dealt with.

On Wednesday night, another governorship aspirant, Chief James Barry escaped death as assassins visited his home.

Chief Barry, who is Commissioner for Lands and

Survey and an aspirant on the ticket of the Advanced Congress for Democrats, is also a kinsman of Chief Jesse Aruku murdered about two weeks ago.

New Nigerian Weekly in Jos gathered that Chief Barry was home when the assassins called at his Tudun Wada residence at about 2 a.m and successfully gained entrance into the house

but was fortunate to escape through the window.

The assassins who set ablaze the house made away with handset and some money from the wife whom they saw.

Also, some armed men called at the Rukuba Road residence of the Majority Leader of the Plateau State House of Assembly, Mr

Geoffrey Teme, demanding for an aide of the Board Chairman of the Jos International Breweries [JIB] Chief Musa Izam, said to be having political ambition.

Teme said he pleaded with the men that the aide known as Yakubu Izam, who stays with him had travelled out of town.

The State Police

Commissioner, Mr Richard Chimè has, however, been summoned to appear before the state House of Assembly to shed light on the security situation in the state.

State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Dominic Iornwumbe when contacted said the cases had

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just been reported to the police and will be investigated.

Meanwhile, Governor Joshua Dariye has warned that government would deal seriously with anyone caught with arms.

Dariye, who said this at a stake holders meeting on the security situation in the state said it appears as though devilish people had laid siege on Plateau State with the intention of creating fear and a sense of insecurity among the people.

He said the security of life and property is now a collective issue and all must become involved.

"For us to succeed in the new war, we about to wage against a common enemy [crime], we must see ourselves first as stakeholders and then as potential victims of the enemy. Every member of the society must thus be involved in this campaign against criminals and anything that portends crime which poses danger to our lives and psyche."