

2 Gunmen kill district head in Plateau

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GUNMEN on Monday night killed the district head of Foron, in Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, Da Bulus Chuwang Jang, in front of his palace.

It was gathered that the gunmen hacked the traditional ruler with a machete and also shot him at close range at about 8:38 p.m. on Monday while he was making a call in front of his palace.

The chairman of Berom Educational and Cultural Organisation (BECO), Foron, Mr Sale Dagalang, who was

at the scene of the incident, said the attack occurred when the district head was making a phone call outside his palace.

Dagalang said: "It happened at about 8:00 p.m. on Monday. The district head had a phone call and he moved outside his residence for good network. While receiving the call, the gunmen, who had been hiding in a maize farm nearby, swooped on him, matcheted him and shot him at close range before they escaped.

"Those who heard the gunshots and his cry for help rushed to the scene and met

him in a pool of his blood.

"He was rushed to the Plateau State Specialist Hospital where he was confirmed dead. His body has been deposited at the hospital's mortuary.

"It is unfortunate that we are experiencing an attack after months of respite. Immediately it happened, we called the Sector 4 of **Operation Safe Haven**, but the men could not get to the scene on time due to bad terrain. They, however, assisted us in taking the district head to the hospital."

The national president of BECO, Mr Gyang Dudu, said:

"This is one attack too many. If we cannot be protected on our land, it means there is a problem. We are suspecting some sort of assassination. He is the only person who was killed, but we are appealing to security agencies to unravel the attackers to allay the fears of people of the area."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Gabriel Ubah, said: "I am aware of the incident but I have not been properly briefed. I am still waiting for the divisional police officer (DPO)'s for briefing."



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