

Gunmen kill stadium manager in Plateau

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GUNMEN on Tuesday stormed the Township Stadium in Jos, Plateau State, otherwise known as Rwang Pam Stadium, and shot dead the Assistant Stadium Manager, Isa Garuba.

A source close at the township stadium told Nigerian Tribune that the gunmen, who were on the trail of the manager, arrived the stadium at about 3:00 p.m., when sportsmen and women, alongside their respective coaches, were preparing for evening training.

The source further disclosed that the assailants came in two tricycles, popularly known as Keke NA-PEP, just as he added that on arrival, six of them went straight to where Garuba was standing and shot him at close range.

"Immediately they came out of the tricycles, the six of them went straight for Isa Garuba and shot him

several times at close range before they escaped from the scene," the source said.

It was gathered that the incident caused pandemonium within the vicinity of the stadium as people scampered for safety on hearing the sound of gunshots as Garuba laid in a pool of his blood.

Most of the sportsmen and women who had gathered for evening training also hurriedly left the stadium.

As of the time of filing this report, the stadium has been deserted, while those doing business in and around it have closed their shops.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state police command, ASP Gabriel Ogaba, could not be reached for comment, the State Director of Sport, Mr Simon Mven, said: "Please call me later, I am having a meeting with the police."