

Gunmen kill retired Customs officer, kidnap son in Plateau

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GUNMEN on Sunday night in Plateau State killed a retired Customs officer, Mr Micah Gochin, while his son was whisked away.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the incident occurred at about 11:00p.m. when the gunmen stormed the residence of Gochin along Bauch Ring Road, opposite the University of Jos Quarters.

A source close to the family who preferred to be anonymous said the gunmen held occupants of the house hostage and went straight to Gochin's bedroom, shot him at close range and left him to die in a pool of his blood.

The source added that after the act, the kidnappers, on their way out of the house,

abducted a son of the retired Customs officer.

Following the attack, the entire community was thrown into confusion as the kidnappers shot several times into the air while leaving the area.

Spokesperson for the state police command, DSP Alfred Alabo, who confirmed the incident, said before the security team, led by the DPO of Nasarawa and Laranto, could get to the scene of the incident, the gunmen had fled.

Alabo added that the policemen conveyed the retiree to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

He said the command was already making efforts to apprehend those behind the act and also rescue the son of the deceased.