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Gunmen kill APC spokesman, one other in Plateau

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GUNMEN have killed the Plateau State publicity secretary of the All Progressives Congress, Honourable Sylvanus Namang, alongside one other person.

A source close to the party

in Jos revealed that the deceased, in the early hours of Saturday, travelled to the Pankshin Local Government Area for a burial and was hanging out with some friends at a relaxation spot when the incident occurred.

It was gathered that the gunmen, numbering about 10, stormed the relaxation

spot at about 8:00 p.m. and shot sporadically into the air, which led to pandemonium as those within the vicinity scampered for safety.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen went straight to where the publicity secretary was sitting with friends and shot him at close range, while another man sitting close to

him was abducted.

It was gathered that Namang died on the spot, while the remains of an unidentified man were later discovered on the major road in the area.

The state chairman of the party, Honourable Rufus Bature, who confirmed the incident to the *Nigerian*

Tribune, said the publicity secretary was murdered in Pankshin.

Also, the organising secretary of the party, Mr Philip Adiks, said the party, at the moment, had no details of the circumstances surrounding his death.

Adiks said: "Right now, we don't have the details, but the

state secretary of the party has gone to Pankshin for details. I want to believe that by the time he returns, the party will have the details. We have lost a dedicated party man."

Efforts to speak with the spokesman for the Plateau State police command, Alfred Alabo, on the incident failed as he could not be reached on phone.

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