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Gunmen kill Plateau Govt House policeman

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A police corporal Godfrey Michael attached to Plateau State Government House, Little Rayfield, Jos was killed by unknown gunmen in the early hours of Sunday, our correspondent has learnt.

It was learnt that the development rocked the Government House.

According to sources, the policeman, who was attached to the Counter Terrorism Unit, received a telephone call from an unknown person that his pregnant wife had taken ill.

Our correspondent learnt that Michael left his duty post for his residence, which is just a stone's throw from the Government House.

But as he was walking along the road to his residence, he was attacked by some gunmen.

He was said to have engaged them in a gun battle with his service gun, but was overpowered by the gunmen, who, after killing him, made away with his rifle.

Spokesman for the police in the state Emmanuel Abuh said that he did not have the details of the incident.

However, the Deputy Superintendent of Police promised to get back to our correspondent. But as of the time of filing this report, he had yet to reach our correspondent.

But the Director of Press Affairs to the Governor Mr. Emmanuel Nanle, who confirmed the incident, said that at about 1830 hours on Saturday, the policeman (F/NO 478743) was shot dead behind the permanently locked western gate of the new Government House.

"This is also to dispel the rumour that the new Government House was attacked. I went there immediately I was informed about the incident," Nanle said.

According to him, Michael's corpse was deposited at the Ola Hospital Zawan by the police from Bukuru Division where the case is being investigated.