

other person(s) associated with the President."

One killed in provost's kidnap attempt

One person has been confirmed dead in an attempt to kidnap the Provost of Taraba College of Education, Zing, Dr Mike Dio-Jen, in his residence in Jalingo.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Friday at the Green Beach area of Kona ward in Jalingo.

An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the *News Agency of Nigeria* that the kidnappers, who came in their numbers, fired gunshots at the gate of the provost's house and forced their way in.

They met stiff resistance by security operatives guarding the provost's house and that led to the death of the gateman of the house while the kidnappers fled the area through a nearby river.

The remains of the slain gateman, Mr Shawulu Yeshe, who was an employee of the college, have been deposited at the morgue of Federal Medical Centre, in Jalingo.

The police spokesman in Taraba, David Misal, confirmed the incident, saying the police were investigating the case.

Misal added that the police would do their best to see that crime was nipped in the bud in the state.