

Police confirm killing of palace guard in Plateau

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The Police in Plateau State have confirmed the killing of a palace guard of the Mishkaham Mangu, Da John Horse, by gunmen.

It was gathered that the guard, Wetle Gwana, was waylaid and killed by assailants on his way home in Arlohom village, 3 kilometers away from the chief's palace in Mangu.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, ASP Gabriel Ubah, who confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria, said investigation had commenced to arrest perpetrators of the act.

Ubah said security personnel had been deployed in the deceased's village and Mangu town to avert breakdown of law and order.

He said, "We received a distress call on Thursday evening that the guard was killed around his house in Arlohop village near Mangu town by gunmen.

“In response, our men were deployed in the village to comb the area and track down the perpetrators of the act.

“On Friday morning, the commissioner of police deployed the deputy commissioner of police in charge of operations, in Mangu town to ensure calm in the area.

“Everywhere is calm now with our officers and other security agents in Artohom village and Mangu town where the deceased worked.”

He appealed to the people of the town and the area to go about their normal business without fear as efforts were being made to arrest the killers.

The Chairman of Mangu Local Government Area, Mr Lawrence Danat, also called for calm.

Danat described the killing of Gwana as ‘wicked’ and ‘uncalled for’ considering the consistent plea and awareness for peaceful coexistence. He said, “Mangu people are peace-loving and will not fall to any temptation to cause unrest.”

He advised security agents to ensure that Horse’s killers were apprehended to face the wrath of the law.