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Gunmen kill ex-LG boss

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JOS—THE rising wave of crime in Plateau State took a turn for the worse last weekend as a former local government chairman was abducted and assassinated by unknown persons.

The politician, Mr. Jesse Arukwu who was until his death the General Manager of Plateau Tourism Corporation was believed to have been waylaid and kidnapped around his Rukuba Road residence. His body was discovered on Sunday morning in a ditch along the same Rukuba road with signs of having been stabbed on the chest, strangled and his head smashed against a hard object.

The motive behind the attack could not be immediately ascertained but many are suspecting political undertone details of which were scanty at press time.

A source close to the fami-

ly said the late Arukwu disappeared shortly after returning from a rally organized by the Advanced Congress of Democrats (ACD) at his native Bassa LG on Friday.

He was said to have had a wash after returning from the rally and told his wife that he was going to pick his car which he had earlier dropped with the mechanic, but that was the last the family heard from him.

His assailants who had apparently trailed him to the house were believed to have abducted him and taken him to an unknown destination. According to sources, his wife became worried when it was getting late that Friday night and he still had neither returned home nor called while his phone rang unpicked. She was said to have called his friends and political associates to find out if they knew of his whereabouts, but all of them said they did not see him.