

Suspected robbers kill lawyer in Jos

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JOS —A Jos-based legal practitioner Tuesday night became the latest victim of the upsurge in violent crimes in Plateau State as he was shot dead in a motel.

The lawyer identified as Pedras Osokpo was gunned down at about 10.p.m. when armed robbers stormed the lodge located somewhere off Tafawa Balewa Street, Jos.

It was learnt that the robbers had trailed a man to the lodge and the lawyer on hearing the commotion came out of his room to see what was amiss.

He was said to have been shot on the chest at close range by one of the robbers, killing him instantly.

By the time he was rushed to the hospital after the robbers left, he was confirmed dead.

Just last weekend, a governorship aspirant Chief Jesse Arukwu was abducted and killed while a staff of NTA Jos,

Mr. Alex Atighir was also killed by unknown persons.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr. Richard Chime who confirmed the incident to journalists Wednesday afternoon said the police were equally worried by the rising crime wave and appealed to the people to bear with the force.

He blamed the situation on certain constraints and assured that the police would swing into action and bring the situation under control as soon as the state government provides the promised logistics to the command.

we ought to get for it.

"But sadly we often converge on Kaduna and say we are meeting; we tell our people, firstly, that the governors are meeting to discuss the myriad problems of the North so that they will be happy with us. But the moment we finish such meeting and communique is issued, everything will disappear into thin air", he said.

Bafarawa noted that it is foolhardy to jostle for presidential race when the people are disenfranchised with their stewardship and there has been apparent disunity in the North.

"If any among us wants to contest the presidential race, let us first and foremost join forces, arrive at a consensus, since no one can choose a leader except God Almighty.

Benue, Taraba peace talk ends in deadlock

ABUJA —Efforts to settle the aged-old boundary dispute between Taraba and Benue States has for the third time suffered a setback following a meeting on Tues-

Sources said the meeting's inability to arrive at a decision was due to a disagreement that arose between representatives of the communities residing along the two states.