

## **KATO POLICE KILLINGS - UPDATE**

The Guyana Police Force is not saying much about the probe into the brutal slaying of two police officers at Kato, in Region 8. The bodies of the two policemen were found not too far away from a gold mining camp and it is believed that the two policemen had just robbed a group of Brazilian miners and were attacked during their getaway and brutally tortured, beaten and shot to death. One of the policemen was tied to a tree and set on fire. The killing may have been retaliation for the robbery.

Capitol News understands that though the policemen left the station to go on a patrol, they were not dressed in police uniform but may have used the force issued firearms to commit the robberies.

Capitol News understands that the investigators who have gone into the area are not getting very far with their investigation since miners seem uncooperative.

The Associated Press today quoted a senior mining official as saying that miners have been complaining for years about both policemen and soldiers going into mining camps and robbing gold miners. The complaints are known the official said and yet the force has not been acting on it.

Capitol News understands that one of the policemen killed was known to miners in the area and they had filed complaints about him.

The two policemen went missing on Sunday and their dead bodies were found 3 days later on a trail.