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Suspected Boko Haram gunmen yesterday opened fire on Muslim faithful during Juma'at prayer in Gomari area of Maiduguri, Borno State killing three persons in the process. Among the dead was a teenage boy, police authorities said yesterday in Maiduguri. Pandemonium ensued as people ran in fear. There was confusion everywhere, a witness told Weekly Trust.

The police also confirmed that one person was injured during the attack.

Renewed attacks by suspected members of Boko Haram have left many dead in some states in the North recently. Fear of attacks by the suspect members of the group is also giving governors and residents of many states in the region sleepless nights.

Borno State police command spokesman, ASP Lawal Abdullahi while confirming the incident to Weekly Trust said two people were traced to the central mosque by suspected members. He said the gunmen opened fire when they sighted the victims, killing one instantly, while wounding the other. The 13-year-old boy according to the police authorities was killed by a stray bullet.

The police spokesman said two suspected members of the religious fundamentalists have been arrested by the police in connection with the mosque killings while the principal suspect escaped but has been identified by the police.

ASP Abdullahi also said that another 11 persons have been arrested in connection with the killing of a brother of the District Head.

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