

Boko Haram kills pregnant woman

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A seven months old pregnant accountant with the Borno state Ministry of Finance was yesterday shot dead and her husband injured by gunmen suspected to be members of the Yusufiya sect popularly known as Boko Haram at the Bulabulin Ngarannam ward of the metropolis.

Speaking to newsmen a younger sibling to the husband of the deceased, Babakura Ibrahim disclosed that at about 10PM on Tuesday the neighbors of his brother alerted him that three young men were in front of his brothers house waiting for him, on hearing that he called his brother on phone several times but no reply.

He said "after waiting to no avail they later broke into my brothers house Abubakar Ibrahim an operation Manager with the Stanbic IBTC bank Maiduguri , on entering the house they saw him coming out from toilet and they opened fire on him sporadically where he felt down with serious gun wounds.

He further explained that on hearing the gun shot, the wife of the banker Hajiya Yakaka came out and held one of the gunmen. He stressed that they struggled and felt down before the other gunmen opened fire on her six times.

Mallam Babakura also stated that when they were trying to get away with his car they saw his ID card indicating that he is a banker and not a lawyer as they speculated because they thought he is a lawyer and sympathized with him, pointing out that they immediately knocked at his neighbour's gate and asked him to use his car to convey

the injured banker to the hospital for treatment.

He said the victim is currently at the intensive care unit of the University of Maiduguri (UMTH) receiving treatment, while his deceased wife was buried at the Gwange graveyard. Wednesday

When newsmen contacted the spokesman of the Joint Tasks Force (JTF) Lt. Col. Hassan Mohammed for confirmation he said he

was yet to be briefed by the Divisional Police Officer of the area, but according to him, the JTF has drafted his men to the scene of the incident.

Also confirming the incident, the permanent secretary of the state Ministry of finance Alhaji Waziri Umaru Ngurno said they received the death of their staff with shock, adding that they were just coming from the burial of the deceased at the time of filing this report.

Salami: Edo NMA cautions judiciary

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AS Nigerians continue to Aggrapple with the reality of the proposed boycott of Friday's investiture of new Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN) due to the crisis in the nation's judiciary, Edo state chapter of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) yesterday condemned the feud that has led to the suspension of the President of the Court of Appeal Justice Ayo Salami and his replacement with Justice Dalhatu Adamu.

A statement signed by the association's chairman, Philip Ugboadaga, Secretary, Emmanuel Ighodaro and the Public Relations Officer (PRO) Kennedy Alohan, the NMA condemned the rush with which President Goodluck Jonathan implemented the recommendations of the NJC

The association called for intervention of well meaning Nigerians to "save Nigeria's judiciary."

According to the statement "It is elementary law that once a case is before a competent court of law, no authority in the land is allowed to interfere in

the process until it is disposed off. This does not appear to have taken place in this instant case and the decision of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) to protest the decisions of the NJC and President Goodluck Jonathan by boycotting the investiture of new SANs scheduled to take place on Friday August 25th 2011 therefore receives our total support...the brazen manner the NJC in collusion with president Jonathan is attempting to assault the judicial process is reprehensible and totally unacceptable".

"We call on the NJC to immediately retrace its steps and allow the law to take its course on the matter. Doing otherwise has serious implications for the nation's judiciary that we hold in high regards."

The statement however said the state chapter of the NMA still have confidence in the judiciary "and its capacity to deliver justice to all Nigerians irrespective of social and economic background in line with the rule of law and the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria."