

Information, Mr Labaran Maku, sharing Cassava bread showcased by the ministry of Agriculture during the anniversary yesterday. PHOTO: NAN

## Boko Haram kills grandpa, abducts 2 grand children in Maiduguri

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**G**UNMEN suspected to be members of the Jamatul Ahlis Sunnah lid Daawa walJihad popularly known as Boko Haram yesterday gunned down a retired civil servant, Mallam Shettima Chibok a grand father at his residence in Bullumkuttu Tsallake area of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Our correspondent gathered that the gunmen who killed the old man in his living room abducted two of his grand children aged between 7 and 10 years.

A resident of the area who does not want his name in print told our correspondent that, several letters threatening his life were sent to the deceased warning him to leave the

area since last year, adding that the deceased had escaped an earlier attempt which led to the killing of 5 persons.

He said that, the children abducted were neither his biological children nor his grand children but belong to the woman he married sometime ago.

According to him, they believed that Mallam Shettima Chibok was killed

for allegedly taking those step children of his to church.

Confirming the incident, spokesman of the Joint Task Force on Operation Restore Order in Borno Lt. Col. Shamsu Musa told newsmen in Maiduguri that the assailants were led to the house by an informant.

According to him, "at about 1300 hours today, three suspected Boko Haram on a tricycle popularly known as (Keke Napep) were led to a house of a retired civil servant located at bullumkuttu Tsallake in Maiduguri Metropolis and killed him, abducting two of the deceased children."

He said JTF was later alerted and the area was cordoned which resulted to the arrest of the informant, a suspect and recovery of the tricycle that was used by the gunmen.

He said those arrested are helping the task force with information that may assist in arresting the culprits.

In another development the JTF has killed three suspected Boko Haram and recovered snatched vehicle following a distressed call in Maiduguri.

## Glo Laffta Fest train moves to Ilorin, Ado Ekiti

**I**LORIN and Ado-Ekiti, the capital cities of Kwara and Ekiti States respectively, will this weekend come alive as Globacom's comedy, music and dance show, the Glo Laffta Fest, berths in the cities.

A statement issued in Lagos on Wednesday, said the shows were a continuation of the Easter Special of Edition Laffta Fest which began on Good Friday in Asaba, Delta State.

The Ilorin show will be held on today at Royal Shekinah Hotel, Offa Road, Ilorin, and will parade comedians such as Basketmouth, Lepacious

Bose, FunnyBone, Bash, Akparoro and Seyi Law, while the music segment will feature Wande Coal, Terry G, Kass and Kenny St Best.

At the Ado-Ekiti show which will be held on Sunday at Great Eagle Hall, Km 7, Ikere Road, popular artistes including Gbenga Adeyinka, Seyi Law, I go Dye, Bovi, Mr. Patrick, Wande Coal, Eedris Abdulkareem, Terry G and Goldie are scheduled to entertain guests at the event.

The statement also said up-coming artistes will also be allowed to showcase their talents at

the show, while attractive prizes will be won in several competitions, including dancing and singing.

"Our intention is to give the very best of entertainment to our teeming subscribers across the country and make them unwind in an atmosphere of fun and laughter because they are the reason why we are in business", the statement concluded.

The Easter Special edition of Glo Laffta Fest has so far been held in Asaba, Oshogbo, Uyo, Lagos, Warri and Akure, while Lafia, Ibadan, Jalingo and Jos will host the show in the coming weeks.