

Robbers shot bus driver on Damaturu-Maiduguri highway

A gang of armed robbers has shot dead a commercial bus driver following an operation along the Damaturu/Maiduguri highway, which caused heavy vehicular traffic as motorists were forced to park along the road to avoid running into the hands of the robbers.

Kanem Trust Correspondent who was among the travellers stranded for hours, reports that the bus driver was identified as Mallam Galoma who was on his way to Maiduguri from Damaturu before running into the robbery operation between Auno and Jakana villages along the highway.

Our correspondent who later visited the scene of the robbery reports that the driver was lying in a pool of his own blood beside the bus, which was apparently made to stray to the bush following the gang attack.

Kanem Trust also observed that several vehicles may also have been robbed by the men of the underworld as some cars and trailers were sighted parked at the scene with punctured tyres which may have resulted from gunshots by the robbers. Numerous cars and trailers had parked far away from the robbery scene after signals were being sent across the two ends of the highway malting drivers to halt so as to avoid falling victims to the gang.

Our correspondent gathered that the armed robbers may have taken advantage of market days in some of the villages along the high-

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way.
For long, robbery operations have been recurring

along the Damaturu-Maiduguri highway leaving many people dead with others loosing valuable properties.

Even though robbers

seem to have reduced the level of operations as compared with previous years along the highway, apparently due to surveillance by

the police and vigilante groups, the men of the underworld seem to be slowly returning to their dastardly business.

Coy constructs low cost housing for civil servants

A private Company in Yobe state has begun the pioneer construction of four hundred housing units that will on completion be sold to civil servants at low cost rates.

The Managing Director of Kingimiso Nigeria Limited, a Yobe based firm, Mohammed Abdullahi Benishiek said at the flagging off of the construction of the Housing Units that the estate will consist of two and three bedrooms prototype bungalows which will be sold after completion to civil servants and other members of the public at cheaper rates.

The Managing Director said that the houses will be built in phases noting that the first phase will include 148 units which will require over N 360m to complete, while others will follow.

He said that a total of four hundreds will be built by the company on 16.6 hectares of land provided the company by the Yobe government.

He revealed that the company is to finance the work through a loan from the federal Mortgage Bank in

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Abuja, maintaining that the firm has fulfilled all conditions required to get the loan, as he is optimistic that all is set to guarantee the completion of the housing estate.

The Director said that each of the houses is to have a dining place, kitchen and sitting room. In addition, he said, that the estate is to have a primary school, a police post, a health centre, fire service station, post office, shopping centre, recreational park and play grounds.

Benishiek added that the Yobe government is to provide the housing estate with water, electricity, telecommunication, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, roads and drainage system.

After completion the Managing Director declared, that the two bedroom houses will be sold to civil servants at unit cost of N1.8m while the 3 bedroom will so for N2.1m.

He said that applicants seeking to buy the houses will pay non refundable fees of ten thousand naira for application forms after

which 30 to 40% advance payments will be prude through the Yobe Savings and Loans Limited, while a prospective owner continues to deposit up to 60 to

70% of the total sum, during which the houses will be released to the buyers, with the balance of 30 to 40 % spread over one to three years.

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Seeking a **Medical Officer** who will be based in Sokoto and work with a team headed by the Program Manager, and will provide overall strategic leadership for the medical and technical performance of integrated interventions for the fistula prevention, repair and reintegration program in Nigeria. S/he works closely with MOHs and local providers and trainers, develops and implements the obstetric fistula service delivery program activities in Nigeria and works for the establishment of a national fistula training program to improve provider skills and strengthen providers' technical competence.

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The Agency is looking for a medical doctor from the North, who possesses a Masters' degree in public health or a related field, six to ten years experience in the implementation of health development programs in Nigeria and fluent Hausa. Female applicants are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons are kindly requested to submit their applications and CV/Resume to the following e-mail address: ehwara@gmail.com by Monday, January 29, 2007. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.