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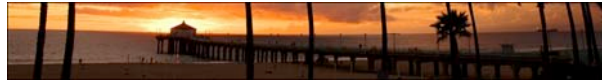
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Nigeria: Suspected Assassins Attack Senator Bukar's House, Kill Policeman

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Damaturu — Unknown gunmen on Tuesday attacked the home of former Governor Bukar Abba Ibrahim of Yobe State, who is now representing Yobe South senatorial district in the Senate. The house is located at the Government Reserve Area (GRA) in Damaturu. The gunmen killed a police Constable, Mohammed Idris, attached to the house.

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Bukar was recently appointed by the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in the state to lead its reconciliation committee to reconcile aggrieved members of the party including Senator Usman Albishir who recently lost his bid at the Supreme Court to unseat Governor Ibrahim Gaidam.

In an interview with our correspondent, the state Police Commissioner Mammen Sule confirmed the incident and ruled out armed robbery attempt.

"We feel they wanted to kill the former governor who unknown to them left Damaturu on Monday. Unfortunately they killed one of our men", he said.

The commissioner who described the attack as "Very strange, especially in Yobe" said the three suspected assassins stormed the residence of the former governor around 7:40pm.

"Immediately they opened the gate to the house, they saw some people sitting outside and they targeted and shot our police Constable at close range before they ran away. He died on the spot", he said.

The commissioner said no arrest had been made, but that police investigators sent to the house of the former governor recovered two face caps, live ammunitions and shoes. Meanwhile, Governor Ibrahim Gaidam has condemned the attack.

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