

Gunmen kill one in Bauchi guber aspirant's home

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GUNMEN suspected to be armed robbers stormed the residence of a gubernatorial aspirant under the platform of the CPC, Abdullahi Sarki Adamu (Dan China) in Bauchi yesterday, killing one of his guards while another is receiving treatment from gunshot wounds.

Coming barely 48 hours after the son of an ex-commissioner of finance was kidnapped in Bauchi, this is the third time within a month that gunmen attacked prominent politicians in Bauchi. Bala Hadith was attacked and shot in his house while the son of an ex-commissioner was abducted from the family home.

State Police Commissioner Danlami Yar'adua said, "what happened from the reports reaching us was a robbery attack at the

Sabon Garin Narabi residence of Dan China and in the process one security guard was shot dead while a second one was shot in the legs and is now at the hospital receiving treatment."

Yar'adua said his command had mobilized armed men to the area with the aim of tracking down the robbers but said there may be no link between the kidnappers of the boy and the robbery attack in Narabi. "Police though are not taking any chances", he added.

On the kidnapped boy, Danlami Yar'adua said, "we are making headway and very soon, by the grace of God, we will get through to the criminals and get the boy re-untied with his family safe and healthy. For now, there is no cause for alarm." He however said, "The kidnappers have demanded ransom but I will not disclose the amount for security reasons, but

be rest assured that the police are on top of the situation and we will soon get there."

The Bauchi police boss also reassured residents of the state of the security of their lives and property, saying, "we are in control of the security situation and there is nothing alarming for now, every criminal in the state will be brought to book as soon as possible, all we need is the co-operation of the people, we need relevant and useful information that will help us track down the criminals in our midst."

All efforts to get the victim of the latest robbery attack, Abdullahi Sarki Adamu (Dan China) to comment on the incident failed as his mobile phone was switched off at the time of filing this report, though one of his close aides who pleaded anonymity confirmed the incident but declined further comment.