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Gunmen kill retired cop, trader in Borno

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Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri



Persons suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect have again killed two persons in Bama town and Maiduguri metropolis in Borno State. Four other persons were also injured in the attacks.

In the latest incidents which happened Sunday night, retired ASP Zannah Kyari was accosted and killed by unknown persons in front of his residence in Bama town as he returned from night prayers around 10pm.

The second victim, Alhaji Modu, a trader, was killed when the district head of Kalari area in Limanti Ward of Maiduguri, Lawan Zanna Mohammed Kagu, was targeted around 6.30pm in front of his residence after performing ablution for the sunset prayers.

The district head and another person sustained bullet wounds, while the other two were injured in an attempt to kill another Bulama around Kabarmaila near the Maiduguri New Prisons about an hour after the attack at Lawan Kagu. The men at the latter area were also said to have been on a motorcycle. All the injured persons were taken to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) for treatment. Police sources told our correspondent that the ASP was among those who gave testimony against members of the Boko Haram sect that were arraigned in courts. He was said to have retired recently and returned to Bama, his home town.

A witness who was unhurt and was one of the three that sat with the district head during the attack, told newsmen that the four of them were taking turns to perform their ablution when a gunman wearing a kaftan fired at them, hitting three of them and then, taking to his heels.

A brother to Lawan told reporters that two men rode on a motorcycle but the other waited with the motorcycle about 100meters away on the major road, while another walked into the road leading to Lawan's house.

"We just heard gunshots. People thought Lawan had been killed along with the other two people. The gunman continued to fire into the air to scare people as he ran back to his accomplices before they sped off on the motorcycle," he said.

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Borno State Commissioner of Police Ibrahim Abdu confirmed the incidents to newsmen and said the injured district head was already helping police with investigations as he had earlier recognized and identified the shooter at his residence as one of the suspected Boko Haram sect members that he exposed to security forces after the crisis last year when all traditional rulers were instructed by the state government to expose sect members in their domains.

Six policemen have so far been killed and five of their weapons snatched in separate attacks since July. Two civilians, one of them a ward head (Bulama) have also been killed in similar circumstances, while another survived with bullet wounds, the other deceased civilian, an instructor at the state school of nursing was believed to be a police informant.

Abdu assured that valuable information at the disposal of the police clearly indicated that the police were closing up on the perpetrators and he was confident that they would soon get at them.

He explained that the suspects were attacking the police to stock up arms, while the traditional rulers are under attack because they assisted the police in exposing members of the sect in their domains and giving evidence against them in court.

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government have to intervene because this issue is about to become the type of iraq problem. therefore there is need to put end to it.may Allah help the situation Amin.

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