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# Again, motorbike gunmen kill man, wound another in Maiduguri

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GUNMEN on a motorcycle have again killed one person and injured another in an attack on a Bulama (ward head) at Gwaidamgari behind Railway Terminus quarters in old Maiduguri on the outskirts of the metropolis yesterday.

The deceased, Ba' Abdu, a Kolanut seller, was killed while sitting in front of a mosque while Abba Kale, a grain seller, was wounded in front of his shop around 1pm, witnesses said. In both locations, our correspondent observed bullet holes on the walls.

The Borno State Commissioner

of Police Ibrahim Abdu said he was yet to be briefed on the incident. But a witness told our correspondent that people in the area saw the two persons on a motorcycle before the attack but they could not identify them.

"The person behind had a gun in his hand. He was the one who

shot them one after the other", a witness said. A daughter of the deceased told our correspondent that the family members were in the house but learnt from witnesses that her father was seated by the mosque when someone shouted, "That is the Bulama (the ward head)" and then the attackers fired at him.

## Abductors kill medical doctor after collecting N30m ransom

UNKNOWN gunmen suspected to be hired assassins on Sunday killed a medical doctor, Dr Stanley Uche, the proprietor of Victory Christian Hospital, Aba, Abia State.

The medical doctor, who had earlier been abducted by his assailants, was allegedly killed after his abductors had collected N30 million ransom from his wife.

Uche, a gynecologist who hails

from Mbano in Imo, was said to be traveling home with his wife on Friday for the burial of his deceased younger sister when they were ambushed by their abductors who had trailed them from Aba. It was gathered that the slain medical doctor's wife was released later and ordered to source for N50 million to facilitate her husband's freedom. It was also gathered that the young lady only

succeeded in delivering N30 million to the abductors on Monday morning at the agreed location.

Sources said that the lady, unaware that her husband had already been killed, had pleaded with the abductors to be allowed to see him, only to be taken to a spot where his corpse was dumped, which she was ordered to take away immediately.

There are speculations within

the community that the medical doctor must have been a victim of hired assassins. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Godfrey Ogbonna, told NAN that the command had received a report on the incident from Osioma Police Division. He said a team of crack police detectives had been deployed to the area to commence thorough investigation into the incident. (NAN)