

Gunmen kill community leader in Bauchi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

Unknown gunmen have killed a community leader and Ward Head and ward head of Bauchi, Alhaji Tukur Ahmed in front of his residence last night in Bauchi.

This was the third time within two weeks that gunmen shot and killed people in Bauchi. First, they gunned down three policemen on duty and now the Ward Head of Bauchi, (Maiunguwan Bauchi) Malam Tukur.

Narrating the incident to newsmen, a neighbour of the deceased said they prayed night prayer with the ward head and on his way to his house a young man approached him and asked him whether he was the ward head of Bauchi and he answered in the affirmative. He said the young

man said, "I came to talk to you about an indigene certificate." The deceased asked him to go with him to his house and on their way to the house the young man shot the ward head two times, he died instantly and people around them became scared and ran away for safety and the gun man fled away.

He said neighbours and his family rushed him to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital and he was confirmed dead by the doctors. He has since been buried according to Islamic rites. Hundreds of people are trooping to his house to condole the family for the irreparable loss.

Sunday Trust met a member representing Bauchi Central in the state House of Assembly Alhaji Babayo Dalli who appealed to the

state government to find a lasting solution to the killings of innocent souls in the state by unknown gunmen.

In their separate reaction over the incident, Senior Special Assistant on Media and Public Affairs to Governor Isa Yuguda, Alhaji Sanusi Mohammed described the incident as unfortunate and also prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Sanusi said the killing of innocent people in the state is not in the interest of anybody, and the government is re-strategising its security apparatus to contain the situation. He advised the public to continue with their normal life and report any suspicious character. He said that government is doing everything humanly possible to protect their lives and properties.