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EIGHT people including three policemen were killed in Maiduguri Wednesday in multiple attacks by unknown gunmen. The attacks were launched simultaneously between 8pm and 10pm, starting at the Dala bus stop along Bulunkutu where one person was killed.

Two persons were also killed at Alamderi near Baga road and three police were later ambushed and killed at Muna Motor Park along Ngala road. The patrol vehicle of the police was set ablaze by the attackers.

A similar attack was also launched at the Railway Quarters close to the enclave of Mallam Mohammed Yusuf, the late leader of the outlawed Boko Haram sect where one person was shot and killed. At Umarari Borehole, north of Baga Road, another person was shot and killed.

Police spokesman, ASP Lawan Abdullahi and Army spokesman, Lt. Abubakar Abdullahi, confirmed the attacks. Lawan however said only three policemen and a civilian were killed.

"Yes, there was an attack on our men last night (Wednesday). We lost three policemen but we are on top of the situation. We are sure of victory and the culprits will be brought to book soonest. The affected areas are calm now," the PPRO said.

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