

Northern monarchs hold meeting on polio

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

TRADITIONAL rulers from the North-west and North-east as well as officials of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) have held a polio clustered meeting in Kano to review the second African Regional Conference

on Immunization and its recommendation.

The meeting was attended by traditional rulers from the cluster polio states from the two geopolitical regions as well as other primary health care stakeholders from the state.

The polio cluster states from the North-East include, Yobe,

Borno and Bauchi States while those from the North-West are Kano, Jigawa and Katsina. Emirs of Bade and Dass from Yobe and Bauchi States, represented the North-East polio cluster states.

Also, the Emir of Dutse in Jigawa State, Alhaji Nuhu Muhammad Sunusi, represented traditional rulers from the North-

West cluster states of Kano, Jigawa and Katsina.

The meeting was held to update participants on the status of the polio eradication initiative as they are expected to be well positioned to deliver effective and quality mop up activities in their respective states and local government areas.

Emir of Dass, Alhaji Usman Bilyaminu Usman, said traditional rulers in Bauchi, had taken up the challenge and have been cooperating with all the respective stakeholders on immunization. He attributed the Bauchi success on immunization to the collaboration of traditional rulers in the state.

Boko Haram member kills associate in error

A suspected Boko Haram member on Sunday in Maiduguri mistakenly shot dead his associate while attempting to assassinate someone else.

A witness, Mr Simon Joseph, told newsmen in Maiduguri on Monday that three suspected militants had attacked the Bulumkutu residence of one John Musa at about

8 p.m. and shot sporadically into the air. Joseph said that Musa engaged one of his attackers in a scuffle. He explained that as Musa and one his attackers wrestled, the other two attackers continued to shoot in their direction with Musa as their target. Joseph said it was in that process that the suspected Boko Haram member was killed.

According to him, the death of the suspected Boko Haram member appeared to have shocked his associates as they stopped shooting all of a sudden.

Confirming the development on Monday, Malam Lawal Abdullahi, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Borno State Police Command, said the sporadic shoot-

ing by the suspected Boko Haram members attracted police patrol teams to the scene of the incident.

"The shooting attracted police patrol teams, who rushed to the scene and rescued the victim Musa. The body of the slain militant was evacuated and deposited at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) Mortuary. The police

also recovered an AK 47 rifle, a GSM handset and four empty shells of live ammunition at the scene," Abdullahi said.

He said that the patrol teams chased the militants in the dark of the night but could not capture them.

He, however, said that the police would investigate the matter. (NAN)

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