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Gunmen kill ward head, injure 2 in Borno

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TWO gunmen Monday stormed the house of the ward head of Ummarari along Baga road in Maiduguri, killed him and fled on an unmarked motorcycle.

Bulama Ibrahim Mohammed was said to have died instantly while two other persons were injured when the gunmen attacked around 6.25pm.

A neighbour, Ba'ana Modu, told Daily Trust that he was around when the gunmen went to the area and parked their motorcycle under a tree, about 30 meters away from the house. "It was about time for the Maghrib (sunset) prayers when they came. They didn't say anything to anybody but went straight and opened fire on the ward head who was discussing with one of our neighbours," Modu said.

He said minutes later, a police patrol team arrived and took away the corpse and the injured to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH).

Police spokesman, Lawan Abdullahi said, "Yes ,the ward head was killed but the other men who sustained injuries are receiving treatment at the hospital. We will keep on appealing to the public to understand that community policing is the responsibility of everybody." He said though no arrest was made in connection with the recent killing, the Borno State police command had in the past few weeks recovered many types of ammunition.

Scores of ward heads, clerics, police and army personnel have been killed by gunmen in Maiduguri and environs in the past eight months.



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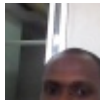
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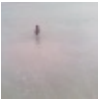
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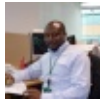
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