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Gunmen kill Borno ANPP chieftain

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Gunmen, suspected to be members of Boko Haram sect, yesterday shot and killed a chieftain of the ruling All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) in Borno State.

Alhaji Modu Gana Mekanike, the Gwange II Ward Chairman of ANPP, was shot and killed shortly after a political meeting at the residence of another chieftain of the party at Gwange III of Maiduguri metropolis.

Some witnesses said Mekanike was apparently killed in "error" as the actual target appeared to be the special adviser to Governor Ali Modu Sheriff on political affairs Alhaji Baba Kura Habeeb who was also at the meeting.

It was gathered that the four gunmen who went to the venue of the meeting around 10:00am yesterday hid behind a generator room of a borehole and opened fire immediately

the ANPP officials appeared in the public after the meeting.

"They came on two motorcycles. By their appearance, nobody had premonition that something terrible will happen," a witness who gave his name simply as Bakura said.

"They shoot sporadically before targeting Modu Gana Mechaniki and shot him in the head and chest with two Kalashnikov rifles... He was left there dead in the pool of his blood," Bakura said.

Our correspondents report that the windscreen of the official jeep of the special adviser to the governor was damaged and the body of the vehicle hit by bullets.

Sources said the driver had attempted pursuing the gunmen but could not succeed.

The police said blamed the killing on members of Boko Haram sect. "The killers had come on their motorbikes in their usual manner before shooting their victim on the head and chest," the state Commissioner of Police Mohammed Abubakar told Reuters yesterday.

Police spokesman ASP Lawan Abdullahi had earlier confirmed the incident to Daily Trust, and pleaded with the public to volunteer information to the police. "The attackers came in the day light and disappeared into the neighbourhood," he said.

"We received signals from the Gwange divisional police officer that a youth leader of ANPP was shot and killed around 11:00am; it is very unfortunate," he said.

Of recent, serial killings of similar pattern bedevilled the state. Two weeks ago, an Islamic cleric, Alhaji Ibrahim Ahmed Abdullahi Gomari, was shot and killed in front of his house.

This was after the killing of the governorship candidate of the ANPP Modu Fannami Gubio last January and Alhaji Awana Ngala, the northeast national vice chairman of the party, in October 2010.



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