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Islamic scholar killed by gunmen in Maiduguri

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

A local Islamic scholar was yesterday morning shot dead by some unidentified gunmen in Zannari, an outskirt of Maiduguri, the Borno state capital.

Daily Trust gathered that the scholar who was simply identified as Mallam Dala was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen at his residence around 11am in the morning.

An eye witness, Mallam Isa, told our reporter that the gunmen came in a Peugeot 504 Salon car which they parked behind a nearby bush in the area before they stormed the mallam's house.

The witness also said that an attempt had

earlier been made on the life of the scholar who owns a local Islamic school attended by Islamic students (Almajiri) two weeks ago.

Our reporter also gathered that the scholar was shot on the head while struggling to escape to his room. The gunmen were said to have fled the area after the incident and left their victim in the pool of his blood.

Borno Police commissioner, Simeon Midenda confirmed the killing to our reporter on phone but said the man was not an Islamic scholar. According to the commissioner, the deceased was just an ordinary man in the community who might have issues to settle with his killers.

Woman rescued as Police kill suspected kidnapper in Imo

From John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri

POLICE in Imo State said they have smashed a gang of kidnappers who abducted a woman Mrs. Harriet Onyeghala at Umuokanne in Ohaji/Egbema local government area.

Harriet was said to have been abducted yesterday (Sunday) at St. Patrick Catholic Church Umuokanne where she went to worship.

Police said when alerted immediately intercepted them in an attempt to run

away with the woman and shot dead one of them while one was arrested.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Imo State Command Mr. Linus Nwaiwu confirmed this, said that both the corpse of the kidnapper and one arrested have being brought to the command headquarters Owerri.

He said that men of his command immediately alerted of the incident intercepted the gang and were able to rescue the woman.