

# Gunmen kill Borno Assembly member

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A member of the Borno State House of Assembly, Modu Bintube, was last night shot dead in front of his private residence at Gomari area of Maiduguri metropolis.

Witnesses said some unidentified gunmen, numbering about five attacked the legislator shortly after Isha'i prayers and riddled his body with many bullets.

Until his death last night, Bintube was the member represent-

ing Konduga State constituency and was also the chairman of the House committee on home affairs and information.

"They came in some vehicles and immediately started shooting, everybody fled from the scene," Masaa Ali, a resident of the area, said.

"The house of the deceased is not far from the Nigerian Air Force base and therefore it did not take long for the security operatives to come to the scene," Ali said.

He said about 30 minutes later,

the body of the deceased was found in the pool of his blood.

Our correspondent reports that there were sporadic gunshots along the Gomari area last night.

An officer of the Joint Task Force, who spoke in confidence because he was not authorized to speak, confirmed the attack.

"Yes, he (Bintube) was unfortunately killed," he said. "We have sent our men to the scene of the incident and we are working on the clues we got from residents of the area," he said.

He said no arrest was made.

Some members of the state House of Assembly who spoke to our correspondent on phone confirmed that one of their colleagues was killed and described the development as "very pathetic and unfortunate".

"His remains were taken to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital...all of us are not safe, we are really not safe because the attackers would kill all of us if they have the opportunity," one of the members said.