

Gunmen kill 4 travellers in Potiskum

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SOME unidentified gunmen yesterday waylaid a commuter bus at a filling station in Potiskum and killed four people, including a woman.

Witnesses said two gunmen who rode on a motorcycle around 11.30am attacked a 14 seater bus at MRS filling station along Maiduguri –Jos road.

Hussaini Dan Haya, a resident, who was at a nearby shop said the bus was riddled with countless bullets. “The driver of the bus with Anambra State registration XE 241NSE had entered the filling station with the intention of re-fuelling his vehicle when the gunmen stormed the place.

“We learnt that the bus which was filled up with passengers was on its way to the southern part of the country when the gunmen arrived and scared away all the people in the place by shooting in the air before descending on the vehicle.

“We lied flat in our shops...completely terrified. In fact, we thought all the people in the vehicle were killed but later found out that only four of them were hit by the ravaging bullets,” Dan Haya said.

An officer of the Joint Task Force in Potiskum confirmed that four people were killed in the attack. “We arrived the scene of the attack soon after we received a distress call from some volunteers but we found out that the assailants had fled”, the officer who does not want his name in print said.



Meanwhile, the commissioner of police in Yobe State, Mr. Lawan Tanko told Daily Trust on phone yesterday that only one Police Inspector was killed when some gunmen attacked a local beer joint behind the Central Market in Potiskum on Tuesday.