

## Bicycle riding gunmen kill one in Patiskum

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Yobe State Police Command said yesterday that one man was on Sunday shot dead by unidentified gunmen on a bicycle in Potiskum.

The state Police Commissioner Lawal Tanko, who confirmed the killing, said the man was killed in the afternoon of that faithful day, noting that investigation was ongoing.

Witnesses said two gunmen trailed the man, who was a security man at the First COCIN Baptist Church in Patiskum and shot him at about 3:30 pm along old Army Barrack Road and fled.

“The security man, who is a retired police officer, was standing outside the church gate when two men on a bicycle came, as if they were passing, one of them shot him at a close range and speed up. Later on police came and evacuates his corpse. To my surprise this attack was carried out few metres away from a security check point,” an eyewitness, who pleaded for anonymity, said.

Tanko noted that bicycles would now be subjected to stop-and-search operation in view of the killing.