

Gunmen kill 2 ward heads in Yobe

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Unidentified gunmen have shot dead two ward heads in Potiskum and Gaidam local government areas of Yobe State on Sunday.

The deceased are 60-year-old Muhammadu Wanzam of Misau road, Potiskum and Lawan Yawmi of Jajiberi Ward, Gaidam.

Daily Trust gathered that the gunmen, who disguised as visitors, went to the residence of Wanzam at about 7pm Sunday evening and requested to see him but they were told by his family that he was at mosque. The gunmen then traced Wanzam to a nearby mosque and requested to see him.

Sources said Wanzam was on his way back home with the gunmen that one of the gunmen brought out AK47 and shot Wanzam 3 times on his chest and fled.

“Later, a team of the army stormed the area and took the dead body to the Potiskum General Hospital mortuary,” a resident said.

Wanzam was also the leader of the vigilantee group in the area and a local Barber (Wanzam).

However, Daily Trust gathered that the Lawmi was killed in his house at about 7pm. Sources said two gunmen, who invaded the residence, shot Lawmi at a close range and escaped.

Yobe State Police Commissioner Lawal Tanko confirmed killings.

“It appears like it was a planned attack on the ward heads in Gaidam and Potiskum because we received the signals almost the same time,” Tanko said.