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GUNMEN KILL IMMIGRATION OFFICER IN BORNO

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Mrs Rose Uzoma, Comptroller General, Nigeria Immigration Service

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UNIDENTIFIED gunmen yesterday kille<u>d an officer of</u> the Nigerian Immigration Service who was on his way to work at the passport office in Maiduguri. A senior immigration official, who does not want his name in print because he was not authorized to speak on the matter, confirmed the killing.

He gave the name of the deceased as K<u>olawole Olayinka</u> who, according to him, was living at a rented apartment at Gwange area of the state capital. No group has claimed responsibility but the killing has the hallmark of the nature of attacks being carried out by members of the Boko Haram sect.

"We believe Kola was targeted and trailed to his house because he was killed just after he came out of his house with the intention of going to work," the officer said. "From what we heard, the gunmen came in an unmarked vehicle and fired several gunshots into his head and chest, seized his laptop and a briefcase containing some documents and then fled," he said.

"We are really going to miss him because he was such a wonderful colleague. We also sympathize with his wife who just put to bed a new baby. Kola was waiting for his February salary to travel to the south to see his family before the unfortunate incident happened," the colleague said.

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