Gunmen kill policemen outside CP's residence in Kano

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Some unidentified gunmen stormed the residence of a police commissioner in Kano and killed 4 policemen today, an eyewitness has said.

Some others were also injured in the attack.

The eyewitness, Muhammadu Garba, told Daily Trust that the attack happened around 2pm at Chiranchi Dorayi quarters along Panshekara road. The two pronged attack began with men on motor cycles opening fire on the policemen guarding the residence of the senior police officer and shot two of them dead instantly.

According to him, the two other men approached the house from an alley while another gunman - on foot - came from the main road and also opened fire. In the cross fire, two other policemen were felled. The gunman on foot eventually ran out of ammunition and took to his heels. Some residents and passers-by attempted to capture him but he escaped.

He said the two who came on a motor cycle also abandoned it at the scene and escaped through back alleys.

He said people in the densely populated area were shocked at the mid-day attack and there was panic as people ran in different directions. Policemen have cordoned of the area but he claims he saw the corpses of the 4 policemen being carried away after the attack.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer, Magaji Musa Majia, 2 - and not 4 - of their men were killed and 2 others were seriously injured.