## Gunmen kill 2 cops, 2 civilians in Adamawa, Yobe

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ARMED gunmen shot to death a police officer yesterday night in Adamawa State during an exchange of gunfire and injuring another when they ran into the police Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Doubeli division who were on patrol duty.

Unidentified gunmen also yesterday morning trailed a police inspector, Ibrahim Mari, to his house located at Gwange ward of Damaturu town in Yobe State and shot him at close range, leaving him in a pool of his own blood.

The gunmen in Adamawa had Friday night launched simultaneous attacks at Demsawo area of the state capital and Mubi town where they killed a private security guard and wounded two at the residence of a PDP chieftain, Alh. Abdur Rahman Kwacham.

The Adamawa gunmen who rode on a motorcycle ran into the police and shot at the

police vehicle, almost overpowering them until men of the 23rd armoured brigade on patrol moved to the scene, forcing the gunmen to retreat.

Residents say that the incidence would be the first since last month's killing of the officer in charge of SARS in the state, Mohammed Ali by unknown gunmen on the same Atiku Abubakar Road.

In a telephone interview, Kwacham confirmed that his house was attacked by gunmen riding on motor cycle during which his security guard was killed and two others injured.

Police Public Relations Officer of the Adamawa State command ASP Nemuel Yoila confirmed the two incidents and assured that patrol has been intensified to apprehend the criminals.

Meanwhile, residents in the Gwange area of Damaturu told Weekly Trust that the gunmen who killed the police inspector in the state stormed the area at around 7:30am in a Volkswagen Golf and shot him twice.

"They parked close to his house and waited for him and as soon as he arrived his doorstep, they opened fire on him and left," a resident said.

A source said the deceased inspector was a Station Officer of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) before he was killed.

Also in Potiskum town, an electrician, Nura Muhammad alias OPP was also killed by unidentified gunmen at around 9:30pm at Ramin Kasa, Damboa ward.

Weekly Trust gathered that five gunmen got to his house on Friday night and shot him twice in the head after minutes of struggle with the deceased.

Yobe State Commissioner of Police Moses Onariti confirmed the killings saying that the Inspector was trailed and killed when he was about to enter his house to change after a night duty while OPP was killed in his own house located at a trouble spot in Potiskum town.

"We are all out to fish out the perpetrators of the heinous acts," he said