

Attacks claim 3 more lives in Yola

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At least three persons were killed Friday night in two separate incidents in Yola, Adamawa State capital, police and residents said.

The first incident was recorded in central Jimeta where gunmen shot dead two persons while the second was a shootout on Yola-Jimeta Road between police and gunmen suspected to be armed robbers during which one of the gunmen was killed.

Police spokesman in the state, Nemuel Yoila told Sunday Trust yesterday that armed policemen and armoured personnel carrier were deployed in Jimeta area when the gunmen struck.

Sporadic shootings were heard in many parts of the city in the night and hundreds scampered for safety.

"Many people run home when they heard gunshots all over the place," one Jimeta resident Sanusi Musa said. The police spokesman confirmed the killing of three people in the Friday night attacks.

This brings to six the number of lives lost in the state in the last two days as the result of attacks in both the capital and

Mubi, the biggest town in the northern part of the state. On Thursday night, gunmen had killed a policeman in Jimeta and gunmen had killed two including a security guard in Mubi.

Earlier in the week, gunmen had killed an operative of the state security service (SSS) and a civilian both in Mubi. About a week ago, a combined team of army, police and SSS operatives announced the discovery of local bomb-making devices at a house in the outskirts of the capital. But they said the suspect had escaped leaving behind his wife and child.

The people in the capital now live in fear, despite tight security measures that involve regular police patrols, mounting of barricades at security-related buildings and night checks of vehicles along the major roads. Most people rush back to their homes before 10:00pm despite searing heat and persistent power outage in the city.

“People would rather suffocate in their houses than be shot on the street,” Sanusi quipped.

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