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Two rangers killed in Birnin Gwari Park

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

TWO rangers, working with Kamuku National Park in Birnin Gwari of Kaduna State, have been killed by gunmen suspected to be armed robbers. Confirming the incident to newsmen in Birnin Gwari yesterday, director of the park, Alhaji Abdullahi Ahmad, said a gang of armed robbers were said to have come with heavy and sophisticated weapons and attacked the unsuspecting rangers at a patrol formation in a nearby village called Dagara. The attack, which took place around 2 am on Sunday, left Ranger Lawal Nagwaggwo and Ranger Muhammad Hassan dead. Ahmad said immediately after the attack the other rangers, police and other security formations from Birnin Gwari trailed the killers while efforts were underway to arrest them.

Shehu of Borno renews call on Boko Haram to dialogue

From Yahaya Ibrahim & Haruna Gimba Yaya, Maiduguri

THE Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Garbai El-Kanemi, yesterday renewed his call on members of the Jama'atu Ahlis Sunnah Lidda'awati Wal Jihad better known as Boko Haram to come out and dialogue with the government and end the current violent attacks in some parts of the country.

The Shehu, who made the call in Maid-

uguri at the opening of a capacity workshop for local government Hajj fare collectors, said Borno and federal governments should handle the issue of dialogue with the sect with sincerity to attain a lasting peace.

"Let me add my voice to the numerous appeals to our brothers in the Jama'atul Ahlis Sunnah Lida'awati Wal Jihad by well meaning Nigerians. They should seek the course of peace and harmony in the months ahead and beyond," the Shehu said.

The royal father also appealed to mem-

bers of the sect to consider the hardship being faced by fellow citizens due to the violent campaign, saying Islam did not encourage violence in any form and called on the sect members to come forward for dialogue with the government.

"The bedrock of Islam is peace and this great attribute of our religion must not be overlooked. I am appealing to our brothers to stop the acts of violence and come forward for dialogue if they wish to seek redress on any issue," he added.

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