

Gunmen kill two air force officers in Kano

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Gunmen yesterday shot dead two Nigerian Air force personnel at about 12pm at Na'ibawa 'Yanlemo along Zaria Road in Kano metropolis. This was as two civilians were also killed in an earlier attack at another part of the city at Hotoro Walaiwa, by gunmen.

The two separate incidents came about a week after assailants killed a prominent Islamic scholar, Malam Shu'aibu, at his residence in Gwammaja quarters.

Daily Trust gathered that the attack on Sunday on the two Air force officials was carried out by two gunmen riding a motorcycle.

The military men, a driver and orderly of a senior Air force officer, were traveling to Kaduna State, when they came under attack, which witnesses said had resulted in their instant death and serious damage to the official car.

The senior officer was, however, not in the vehicle when the attack happened.

Our correspondent reports that Kano State had in the past two days seen a stream of high ranking Air force personnel, following the death on Friday of Dr. Bello Umar Dikko, a brother to the Chief of Air Staff Air Marshall Muhammad Dikko Umar.

In the separate attack in Hotoro, Daily Trust learnt that gunmen trailed and shot dead two civilians. The two were reportedly killed inside their shops at Hotoro Walawai around 11:30am.

Joint Task Force spokesperson, Lieutenant Ikedichi Iweha, declined comment, saying only the Nigerian Air force authorities could do so. But a senior officer attached to the 303 Flying Training School in Kano confirmed the death.

Meanwhile, Kano Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Rilwan Muhammad Dutse,

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confirmed that traders were killed by gunmen in Hotoro yesterday morning.