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Robbers kill 3 soldiers, cart away LG salary
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Suspected robbers on Wednesday evening opened fire on a vehicle conveying salaries of workers of Gulani local government, Yobe state, killing three soldiers escorting the bus, as well as the accountant of the local government.

One other soldier and a policeman were killed in the assault.

Confirming the incident to Daily Trust, Yobe police commissioner Patrick Egbuniwe said the incident happened at around 5:40pm.

Sources told Daily Trust that the monthly salaries for the local government workers is usually over N35 million.

The vehicle had been conveying the money from Gashua local government - one of the cosmopolitan centres of the

state - and were ambushed as they arrived at the entrance to Gulani.

The accountant's name was given as Ali Lawan Dachia.

Snatching of local government workers' salaries has become a common place occurrence in the state.

In April, a team of gunmen snatched salaries of workers of Potiskum local government while payment was going on. In July, another attack saw gunmen cart away the salaries of primary school teachers belonging to Gujba local government area.

In neighbouring Borno state, gunmen killed a policeman and three council workers before carting away salaries of Shani local government workers in July. In June, two soldiers and the council cashier of Guzamala local government area were killed and all the salaries of the council workers carted away. Similar robberies had also taken place in Jere and Kala-Balge local government areas earlier in the year.

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Victor. R. Ubandoma 2012-08-02 18:27 [#12](#)

We always try to blame; doing nothing but blame and wait for government to come to our aids. Why can't they workers uses the nearest bank? How long and how much will it cost to the nearest bank? Haba!

[Quote](#)

Nasiru 2012-08-02 18:06 [#11](#)

Yobe state govt should adopt the system of e-payment in order to avoid robbers!

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Danladee 2012-08-02 16:43 [#10](#)

For goodness sake, in this cashless century? Borno, Yobe, common grow up. Force all staff to open account with a bank and stop this foolishness.

[Quote](#)

Garba Gagare 2012-08-02 16:32 [#9](#)

Government may kindly settle the workers salary, before recovering your lost from the robbers.

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OMENEDO N. VERA 2012-08-02 16:19 [#8](#)

RE: Robbers kill 3 soldiers, cart away LG salary.

DOES IT MEAN THAT THEY CANN'T PAY THEIR SALARIES INTO THEIR BANK ACCOUNT? SEE HOW INNOCENT SOULS HAS BEEN WASTED. WHAT WILL THE STATE GOVERNMENT TELL THEIR FAMILIES?. SINCE THE WORKERS DON'T WANT TO PRACTICE CASHLESS POLICY, THEN THE SECURITY MEN SHOULD NOT RISK THEIR LIFE FOR THEIR SAKE. MAY GOD HELP OUR UNIFORM MEN. AND MAY THOSE THAT LOST THEIR LIFE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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John Ahmadu 2012-08-02 15:50 [#7](#)

It is not a conincidence that though pple are killed and salaries snatched, the Local councils are still insisting on cash transactions... fraud and corruption. The States concerned MUST stop all cash payment of salaries to reduce corruption, eliminate ghost workers and save lives. Hmmm!

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Abdullahi Tsoho 2012-08-02 15:35 [#6](#)

HABA,YOBE STATE GOVT.WHEN WILL YOU

DEVELOP. STILL OPERATING TABLE PAYMENT WHEN SOME STATES HAVE ALREADY CONVERTED TO E-PAYMENT SYSTEM. PLEASE BORROW A LEAF FROM MY STATE, KADUNA AND TRANSFORM TO PREVENT ANOTHER OCCURANCE.

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A. S. Bici 2012-08-02 15:30 [#5](#)

That's misterious. CBN introduces e-payment but i wonder y some Local Govt. insist on "Table Payment". Am calling on Yobe State Govt. to compel her Local Govts to embark on e-payment with utmost urgency pls. At this juncture i commiserate with the Nig. Army, staff of Gulani LG of Yobe State over their dead in the cause of their duties. May their souls rest in peace.

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baba 2012-08-02 15:25 [#4](#)

D gov't must have a say abt this. all these incidence are happening for years, bt d gov't still couldn't find any solutions?

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Musa Isa 2012-08-02 13:51 [#3](#)

For God's sake when will the gov learn to stop carrying cash along. Why not banking transaction.

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