

Another ANPP chieftain killed in Borno

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Alhaji Tar Kusurambe, chairman of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in Magumeri Local Government, was killed in his country home on Sunday, family sources and witnesses said.

It was gathered that Kusurambe was killed around 2pm in his house in Magumeri, two days after he returned from Saudi Arabia where he performed this year's hajj.

"Two young men who hid assault rifles beneath their flowing gowns and rode on motorcycle trailed the chairman and shot him severally in many parts of his body. They immediately disappeared before the arrival of regular policemen," a local said.

The party chieftain was killed less than 24 hours after killing Alhaji Dala Bama, a businessman and chieftain of the ANPP as well as the District Head of Gudumbali, Mallam Zanna Mulima.

Police Commissioner Yuguda Abdullahi told this reporter to call him back after 30 minutes to get confirmation and details of the killing but did not respond to subsequent calls.

Elsewhere in Bama, soldiers under the Borno State Joint Task Force (JTF) have arrested about 36 people between Sunday and yesterday, locals said.

A source said the arrest may not be unconnected with Saturday's killing of Alhaji Dala Bama.

JTF spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa, did not pick his call after several attempts by this reporter to get the military version of the raid.