

Gunmen shoot dead five cops in Kano

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Gunmen attacked a police patrol vehicle yesterday morning at Yan Awaki quarters off Zaria road in Unguwa Uku area of Kano metropolis, killing four police officers, eyewitnesses told *Daily Trust*.

This was as another policeman guarding a station in Kwana Hudu area of Brigade quarters was reportedly gunned dead by attackers in the evening.

Yesterday's attack came a day after three policemen and a civilian were shot dead at a checkpoint at Kawo-Tinshama quarters by attackers riding on a tricycle. The Monday

attack left another civilian seriously injured.

Daily Trust learnt that the attackers took away rifles belonging to the victims of the two separate incidents.

The Unguwa Uku attack occurred when gunmen inside a Bajaj make tricycle rained bullets on a parked police car around 8am, killing its four occupants, said residents.

A parent, who was returning from a nearby school after dropping his children for classes, said the attack was carried out swiftly and it created panic in the area.

"The police vehicle was parked by the side of the road, when suddenly some gunmen came in a tricycle and opened fire on them," he said,

adding that "the attackers did not give room for any of the officers to disembark the vehicle", he said.

Later in the evening, a group of gunmen opened fire on Kwana Hudu Police Station, killing a cop and carting away his rifle.

Kano police command spokesperson, ASP Musa Magaji Majia, said only two policemen were killed in the Unguwa Uku attack, adding that another cop was badly wounded.

Majia also said that a stray bullet hit one of their personnel at a guard post in Kwana Hudu and the officer did not die and that a cordon and search was ongoing to apprehend perpetrators of the two attacks.