

Gunmen kill one, injure another in Borno

From Hamza Idris, Maiduguri

Gunmen suspected to be members of the *Boko Haram* sect yesterday launched an attack at a mechanical workshop in Bulunkutu area of Maiduguri where they killed a resident who took his car for repairs.

Witnesses said a mechanic was also hit by a stray bullet when the gunmen fired several gunshots at their target around 10:25am.

It was gathered that the victim was trailed to the garage by three

gunmen who rode on a tricycle and thereafter fled towards Gomari area.

Unconfirmed sources alleged that the victim was an informant of security agents and the gunmen had earlier warned him in a letter in September last year.

Though there was no official statement from the Joint Task Force (JTF) on the killing, security operatives have cordoned off the mechanic garage and adjoining plots, a development which forced traders and artisans to leave their businesses.

as members of the community.

'Not all opposition cheated in Nasarawa'

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

A leading opposition voice against the government of Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, Omar Nurudeen of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) has criticized the governor's comments that those opposing him partook in theft of the state resources.

There are claims that corrupt practices characterized the past administrations. Nurudeen, a chief-tain of the CAN, and former contender for the Lafia/Obi Federal Constituency seat said Al-Makura's comment in Daily Trust of Friday, was a blanket allegation.

our investigation," he said.

He noted that it ought not to be because, according to him "not all of us who oppose the governor participated in government in the past; I for instance, have not had anything to do with government in Nasarawa State in the past or present."

Al-Makura had said he is not bothered by the invectives and jabs thrown at him from the opposition, who he described as "part of the few elements of our state who benefitted from a system of the past that visited misery, hunger and various forms of deprivation on our people; the few who were part of the naïve cabal of predators who came like the locusts do, and ate up everything in their way."