

Gunmen kill three policemen in Borno, Yobe

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THREE unidentified gunmen on motorcycles yesterday killed two policemen while going to their duty posts in Maiduguri, Borno State.

Besides, a policeman guarding the private residence of Yobe State Governor Ibrahim Gaidam was also killed by gunmen yesterday.

The killings in Maiduguri

brought to a total of six policemen slain at four different locations in the metropolis.

Confirming the incident, the Borno State Commissioner of Police Ibrahim Abdu, in an interview with *The Guardian*, disclosed that the incessant killings of policemen by unknown gunmen might not be unconnected with the July 2009 Boko Haram sectarian crisis that claimed

many lives and property in the state.

He said that investigations were being conducted with a view to arresting the suspected killers that used motorcycles in perpetrating their criminal activities.

The slain policemen, he added, included an Inspector of Police, Shettima Mustapha and a Police Corporal, Ahmed Mohammed.

Meanwhile, residents of

Gwange Ward in Damaturu, Yobe State are worried about the insecurity of their lives, as a gang of armed men attacked and killed a policeman attached to the private residence of Governor Ibrahim Gaidam.

Confirming the incident yesterday at the Damaturu police headquarters, the Commissioner of Police, Mamman Sule, said the suspects came on a motorcycle to the governor's personal

residence at 8p.m. and attacked and killed the policeman.

The commissioner, however, noted that the attack was similar to the one carried out by the gunmen who killed a policeman at the house of the former state governor, Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim in Damaturu in March this year, where a Police Constable, Mohammed Idris, was also killed at about 8p.m.