

Suspected *Boko Haram* members kill Borno ANPP chief

Shoot policeman, defence official

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SSUSPECTED *Boko Haram* members yesterday killed the Borno State chairman of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP), Alhaji Awana Ngala.

They also shot a policeman, Sergeant Isa Omale and Hussain Iliya of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), at the residence of the Speaker of the Borno State House of Assembly, Goni Ali Modu. They also snatched a Kalashnikov rifle belonging to Omale after they shot him in the arm and hips along with Iliya.

The suspected assailants

attacked the two security officials at the Speaker's residence at about 5p.m. in the Pompomari residential estate.

Speaking in an interview on the attacks, Police Commissioner, Ibrahim Abudu said: "Yes, we had two separate attacks and killings by the suspected armed *Boko Haram*, where the state chairman of the party, Awanna Ngala was killed at his Simari residence and snatched four handsets belonging to the party chief."

He said the suspects employed the same tactics of riding motorcycles with

rifles, in their attacks and killings, despite the dusk to dawn restrictions of the movements of motorcyclists in the state.

He said Omale and Iliya were receiving treatment at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) for the gunshot wounds they sustained in yesterday's attacks.

He, however, noted that Ngala could not survive the gunshots, as he died barely 10 minutes after being severely shot at a close range at his residence.

On whether there were arrests made, Abdu said:



Ali Modu Sheriff

"No...No, not yet. But we have intensified our investigations into the serial attacks and killings, based on the information provided by some of the community members that are living in the Popomari and

Simari wards of the metropolis."

He said as the "stop and search" exercise continued, the people should cooperate with the police and other security agents, stating that every citizen should be security conscious by what he described as: "reporting any suspicious movements or activities of unknown persons to the police."

It was learnt that with yesterday's murder of Ngala and attacks on a policeman and a civil defence corps member, this brings to seven and five policemen and civilians respectively, killed while three and four policemen and civilians were injured between July and October this year.