

# Eight die in *Boko Haram* attacks, road mishaps

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**I**t was sad stories of separate killings across the country yesterday by members of the *Boko Haram* sect, police and motorists in which a total of nine lives were lost.

In Borno State, suspected *Boko Haram* gunmen reportedly killed a prison guard and three other civilians in three separate attacks at a barbing salon in London Chiki, Shehuri and Abaganaram wards of Maiduguri.

The prison warden was shot dead at the salon in London Chiki along with the proprietor of the shop at about 7.28pm by two suspected gunmen in an unmarked Golf Volkswagen vehicle, while the other two civilians were killed by the same suspects between 12.35pm and 7.30pm in Abaganaram and Shehuri wards.

## Police Kill girl in Ekiti

Spokesman of the Joint Task Force (JTF), Lt. Col. Hassan Mohammed confirmed the killings.

In Ekiti State, a trigger-happy policeman killed a girl identified as Tayo Abe and shot two of her brothers at Ido-Ekiti in Ido-Osi Local Council in a yet to be explained circumstances. And in a spontaneous reaction from the youths in the community, some Police patrol vans were vandalised and part of the police station was set ablaze.

The deceased and her brothers identified as Adeniyi and Ayodeji Abe were said to be harvesting maize in their father's farm when the policeman opened fire on them. Tayo fell but her brothers only sustained injuries.

What really triggered the action of the policeman could not be ascertained as at press

time.

In protest, the youths were said to have carried Tayo's body to the police station where the policemen on duty allegedly shot aimlessly to disperse them.

Among those hit by the police bullets was a Personal Assistant to the monarch of the town identified as Taye Eyiola and one Seun Babatunde who was said to be praying in a mosque as well as

Segun Ogunmuase, a commercial motorcyclist.

The Acting Police Public Relations Officer in Ekiti State, Mr. Victor Babayemi, confirmed the incident.

And in Nasarawa State, angry youths of Agyragu, a community along Lafia-Makurdi Road, staged a protest over the killing of four of their kinsmen by a speeding commercial bus belonging to a transport company in Abuja, holding up traffic for over two hours.