

Two killed as assailants attack police, FRSC posts

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SUSPECTED *Boko Haram* gunmen yesterday attacked the Mainok Police and Federal Road Safety Commission

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(FRSC) outposts in Borno State, destroying the entire buildings and killing two passersby caught in the cross-fire.

Mainok is on the Maiduguri-Damaturu highway, 58 kilometres west of the state capital.

Confirming the attacks and killings, the Borno State Police

Commissioner, Simeon Midenda, said a group of suspected armed

Muslim sect members attacked the police outpost and set it ablaze along with the FRSC office, adjacent to the Mainok outpost.

He said no policeman or road safety corps member was killed in the attacks, as they were not in the office when the gunmen attacked them.

He said the suspects used Kalashnikov rifles and petrol bombs in destroying the police outpost before they fled on arrival of men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) from Maiduguri.

Midenda told *The Guardian* that on receiving the reports of the attacks, he directed the policemen there to immediately move to the Benishiekh Police Divisional Office for reinforcement against the armed sect.

Benishiekh is 72 kilometres west of Maiduguri and 60 kilometres east of Damaturu, the Yobe State capital, where the same armed sect carried out attacks last Friday, killing over 150 people.