

# Suspected gunmen kill Islamic student

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**T**HREE suspected *Boko Haram* gunmen have killed an 18-year-old Islamic student (name withheld) in Borno State.

Confirming the killing yesterday, spokesman of Joint Task Force (JTF), Lt. Col Hassan Mohammed said: "We received the reports of the attacks and killing of an Islamic student at the Railway Quarters on Sunday, where three suspected *Boko Haram* gunmen attacked the residence of an Islamic scholar, and shot dead one of his students."

He said that the slain student was alleged to be an informant to the police and other security agents in Borno State.

Mohammed said no arrest had been made by either the JTF or police, as the suspects fled to the neighbouring wards of Kumshe and Abaganaram, South of the sect's destroyed enclave.

"The gunmen came in an unmarked vehicle at about 730 p.m. on Saturday and one of them pulled out a Kalashnikov rifle and shot at the Islamic student in the head, before we were alerted to the attacks and killing at the residence of Islamic teacher at 9 p.m."

Mohammed said the body of the slain student had been deposited at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) for "autopsy and identification" by the families of the killed Islamic student.

Speaking on the quick responses of JTF on serial attacks and killings in Maiduguri by the suspected armed sect members, he said: "The JTF field operation officer,

Col. Victor Ebhaleme has released three telephone numbers - 07085464012, 08154429346, 08064174066- to members of the general public to pass information to the task force on the modus operandi and hideouts of sect members."

He assured that such information

would be treated with the utmost confidentiality and be exposed to the armed sect and bombers.

Meanwhile, traditional rulers in Kaduna State have been asked to live up to their responsibility in ensuring that they control the activities of their subjects for peace to prevail in various parts of the state.

The Commissioner for Information and Home Affairs in the state, Alhaji Saidu Adamu said that the recent outbreak of violence in Kafanchan and other parts of Southern Kaduna indicated that the rulers were not in control of affairs in their domains.

He warned the rulers to ensure that they were in full control of affairs in their communities as government would frown on a situation whereby the traditional rulers refused to play their roles in partnering the state government to control the activities of their subjects, particularly those bent on fomenting trouble.

Adamu who spoke with *The Guardian* on efforts made by government to ensure that peace returned to Zango Kataf and Jema'a Local Government areas where there were upheavals last week, said that it was unfortunate that the traditional rulers in the areas could not have firm control of affairs of their subjects and allowed the situation to degenerate.