

Gunmen kill cleric, others in Borno

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GUNMEN suspected to be members of the *Boko Haram* sect on Sunday, attacked the Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN) in Sintamari ward of **Maiduguri**, Borno State, killing **Rev. Albert Naga** and three worshippers at about 10.15 a.m.

Rev. Naga was administering Holy Communion on the church members when the gunmen alighted from a Golf Volkswagen vehicle to launch the attack.

Speaking on the incident yesterday in Maiduguri, Borno State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Samuel Tizhe, said: "Suspected gunmen invaded one of the churches in Simantari ward and killed the pastor and two other church members, while holding a communion led by the Rev. Naga at about 10.15 a.m."

Tizhe said the gunmen fled in the same vehicle they came in.

An eyewitness and resident of Simantari told *The Guardian* that no fewer than four worshippers and the pastor (Rev. Naga) were killed in the attack.

The Joint Task Force (JTF) at the weekend had alerted residents that the *Boko Haram* terrorists planned to attack unspecified targets in Maiduguri metropolis, using vehicles painted in military colours and solicited information on the sect from the public on the sect members.

Rev. Naga...