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GUNMEN suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect yesterday shot a police officer when they attacked the Nigerian Agricultural and Cooperative Bank (NACB) in Sabon Gari area of Gashua in Yobe State. The gunmen attacked the bank with improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and petrol-bombs at about 10.50 am.

Also suspected armed bandits in Taraba State have killed a 45-year-old Irish man working with the PW construction firm in Takum Local Government Council of the state.

The man named Robert was said to have been killed by a gang of armed bandits few kilometers away from his area of primary assignment.

Regional Manager of the company, John Coen, said the company is yet to ascertain items carted away from their late colleague by the armed men.

Confirming the report, Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) in the state, Amos Olaoye, told The Guardian that "the project manager of PW and his driver were attacked by hoodlums at about 17.30 (5:30) pm along Takum road".

An eyewitness said that a gang of gunmen stormed the bank in Yobe State yesterday morning with IEDs and petrol-bombs, shot the policeman guarding the bank and went away with his rifle, after disarming him.

Yobe state Police Command spokesman, Gbadegeshin Toyin confirmed the attack and revealed some suspects have been arrested.

Toyin said: "information received from the Gashua Divisional Police Officer (DPO) indicated that suspected gunmen stormed the Nigerian Agricultural and Cooperative Bank in Sabon Gari area of Gashua town. The gunmen disarmed the police corporal and shot him in the leg, before fleeing with the policeman's snatched Kalashnikov rifle. We were able to arrest two suspects with the snatched rifle in their possession, while the shot policeman has been taken to the general hospital for treatment."

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