

# Gunmen kill UNIMAID don, director

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AS violence continued in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, gunmen suspected to be of *Boko Haram* sect yesterday attacked Ummarari and Galadima wards of the metropolis, killing a University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID) don, Alhaji Babagana Kola and a director in the Ministry of Land and Survey Mallam Yerima.

The varsity don was according to an eyewitness, trailed to his Ummarari residence by 5.00 p.m. on Monday, adding that Kola had just returned from the campus, when two gunmen on a tricycle stormed his residence and shot him dead in the presence of his wife and children.

The director, was on Monday, also trailed to his Galadima ward residence by the gunmen who according to an eyewitness, "started shooting sporadically to scare us. Five minutes later,

we heard some children crying that their father had been shot dead in their presence."

He said two other people were also injured, probably from the stray bullets fired by the gunmen who fled on a tricycle towards Lawan Bukar ward.

While the Joint Task Force (JTF) spokesman, Lt.Col Sagir Musa could not confirm the incidents as he told The Guardian he was not in Maiduguri the spokesman of Borno State Police Command, Gideon Jibrin con-

firmed that there were two separate attacks in Maiduguri, where one Babagana Kola and a director in the Ministry of Land Survey, Mallam Yerima were killed at Ummarari and Galadima. He said no arrests had been made by either the JTF or police in the following the two sept Special Task Force (STF) yesterday discovered two Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs) behind Bass Klan Village in Bassa Local Council t of the state.

The STF, according to a state-

ment, signed by its Spokesman, Kingsley Egbo, said the area was immediately cordoned off and the bombs evacuated by the State Police Anti-Bomb Squad.

The statement also stated that unknown persons also yesterday set fire to three huts in Kampas village in Barkin Ladi Local Council and that one suspect had been arrested in connection with the incident.

Also unknown gunmen again attacked Shonong village in Barkin Ladi but were

repelled by the men of the STF as one of the gunmen was captured.

In another development, a combined team of STF personnel and men of the Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) conducted a raid on suspected hoodlums' hideouts in Bokkos and Barkin Ladi towns and arrested seven suspects with substance suspected to be Indian Hemp.

The suspects according to the statement have been handed over to the NDLEA for further action.

