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# Gunmen Kill NSCDC Personnel, Resident

From **Njadvara Musa**, Maiduguri

**SUSPECTED** *Boko Haram* sect members struck at about 8pm on Friday, killing Mallam Shettima of the Nigeria Security Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and a resident at the Sulemanti and Dala wards of Maiduguri, Borno State, respectively.

The Joint Task Force (JTF) at

the weekend had offered to reward any member of the public that has useful information that could lead to the arrest of the sect's leader, Abubakar Shekau and other sect commanders.

An eyewitness said the attackers, who arrived Shettima's house in a tricycle, shot him in the head and chest in the presence of his wife and

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children.

He said: "We saw two people in a tricycle. They asked for the house of Mallam Shettima who was attached to the Borno State House of Assembly. After they entered the house, we heard three gunshots. We initially thought it

came from soldiers who were patrolling the area. Minutes later, some children and women started wailing."

In Sulemanti ward, an unidentified resident was also shot dead in a separate incident.

Both attacks follow the killing of five children, whose throats were slit, in three houses during the early hours of Thurs-

day.

This killing led to a cordon off by men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) on Friday and deployment of soldiers and tanks to the area.

A senior JTF official said the deployment was to prevent further attacks in the area and also apprehend armed terrorists.

## Briefly

Govt To Commence Pilot Project On Land Titling, Registration

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From **Bridget Chiedu Onochie**, Abuja

**T**HE Presidential Technical Committee on Land Reform met in Abuja, at the weekend, preparatory to take-off of a pilot project on land titling and registration in five local govern-