

Gunmen Kill Immigration Personnel, Three Civilians In Borno

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GUNMEN suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect yesterday afternoon attacked the Nigerian Immigration post and a bakery in Damasak area of Borno State, killing two immigration officers and three other civilians on.

The attacks on bakery forced some residents to flee to safety and jumped into River Yobe before some soldiers rushed to the scene around 5pm. Damasak, the headquarters of Mobbar Council, is border town with Niger Republic and 187 kilometres north of Maiduguri, the state capital. A resident and an eyewitness, Mohammed Isa, said that the

gunmen came on motorcycles and shot sporadically into the air, chanting: "God is great!" before they shot dead the bakery workers.

Other residents that returning from mosque, he added, had to run into their houses and shops, while others living near the river banks jumped into the river for safety. Isa, in a telephone chat yesterday told *The Guardian* that the gunmen were the same people that attacked and torched the Rann Police Station on Wednesday using Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), during which five policemen were killed.

The state Police Command spokesman, Gideon Jibrin, confirmed the attacks.