

Boko Haram kills Maiduguri district head

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BARELY 24 hours after members of the Presidential Committee on Dialogue and Reconciliation (PCDR) arrived in Maiduguri, gunmen suspected to be *Boko Haram* sect members killed the district head (names withheld) of Old Maiduguri Local Council of Borno State at about 9.35 p.m. on Tuesday.

The gunmen, who operated on foot with Improvised Explosive Devices (EIDs), knives and cutlasses, also torched the district head's palace and killed 12 other residents by slitting their throats, after tying their hands and mouths.

According to a resident, Aisami Modu, who fled to Bulunkutu ward yesterday morning, "when the gunmen set the district head's palace ablaze with explosives and petrol-bombs, we never knew that he had already been shot dead in his room while attempting to hide. The gunmen fled at dawn."