

Gunmen kill two immigration officers in Taraba

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① **G**UNMEN have killed two immigration officers in Taraba State.

The officers, who were attached to a checkpoint in Ussa Local Council, were reportedly killed along Takum/Ussa road.

Confirming the report, yesterday, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abdullahi Usman, gave the names of the murdered offi-

cers as Austin Adike and James Uzo.

Apart from the gunshot injuries, the officers, the command disclosed, were as well cut with machete.

"They were not only shot dead; there were also machete cuts all over their bodies," he said.

② The killing of the officers came a day after an employee of the Federal University, Wukari, was brutally mur-

dered by gunmen in his farm in Wukari Local Council.

The remains of the officers, according to the police, have been deposited in the morgue, while the command is set to commence full-scale investigations into the killings.

The command insisted that the tragedy had nothing to do with the ongoing upheaval between herders

and farmers in the local council.

At the state command headquarters of Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), an officer, who spoke to *The Guardian* on condition of anonymity, passionately urged the state and Federal Government not to leave any stone unturned in assisting the command to fish out those behind the dastardly act.