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## Gunmen kill policeman in Maiduguri

By Abdulkareem Haruna, Reporter, Maiduguri

A police corporal, Ahmed Masama, was shot dead by unknown assailant in Maiduguri, last Sunday night.

Eyewitnesses said the policeman who was usually on night duty at the Bulabulin branch of a microfinance bank met his untimely death around the Monday Market area, Maiduguri, when some three unknown persons on motorcycle rode by and shot him at close range.

The state Commissioner of Police (CP), Ibrahim Abdu, who confirmed the incident, said the police are on top of the investigation even as he said no suspect has been arrested, but that some undisclosed eyewitnesses who saw the ugly incident have been assisting the police with relevant information.

The CP said though no one could tell the motive behind the killing of the police officer, police checks revealed that the officer was killed with an FNC automatic rifle, even as three shells of the ammunition used were found on the spot where the policeman was killed.

The incident which has since raised concerns among residents especially in Maiduguri, is the second in recent time after a hit-and-run driver reportedly killed a policeman on stop-and-search duty along Lagos Street, Maiduguri.

The CP said the assailant might have taken advantage of the recently relaxed ban of commercial and other motorcycles by 9.00 p.m.

“We decided to relax the stop-and-check and motorcycles riding beyond the hours of 9.00 p.m. due to the ongoing Ramadan fasting, and shifted the time to 10 o'clock for motorcycles, while the usual stop-and-check was shifted to 9.00 p.m. instead of the earlier 6.00 p.m.,” he said.

The police CP said the deceased corporal was buried on Monday in Maiduguri, assuring that his assailants would be fished out.



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