

Suspected Boko-Haram members kill two in Maiduguri

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IN WHAT seemed to be a counter-revenge mission, men suspected to be members of the faceless *Boko-Haram* sect on Monday gunned down a 24-year-old man simply identified as Babaddi.

He had reportedly heroically disarmed one of the *Boko-Haram* men on Saturday when they attempted to kill a young party leader in Budum quarters of Shehuri-north.

Few hours after that, a robbery incident along Galadi-ma-Junction in Maiduguri was foiled by the combined efforts of the police and soldiers on patrol at about 2.00 p.m.

Babaddi, who was a younger brother to the Ward Head of Budum, was killed alongside his friend whose name was given as Sade.

They were both sitting under a tree when the gunmen, three of them on a bike, allegedly rode into the tiny streets and opened fire that killed them and left seven children with injuries.

The state Police Commissioner, Mike Zuokomor, who just reported to Borno State on election duty, confirmed the incident to Daily Independent at the scene of the crime.

He said the young man died a heroic death of martyr because he "was killed as a result of his brave action on Saturday when he single-handedly over-powered one out of three Boko-haram members that attacked the area and was able to confiscate the gun from the assailant even though they later escaped".

Zuokomor, who was posted from Niger State Police Command, stressed that "it is high time that all security agencies in the state brought their forces together and give a united fight against this madness that had bedevilled the state".

He added that working in isolation of one another will not yield a meaningful result in the quest to bring the serial killers in Borno State to book.