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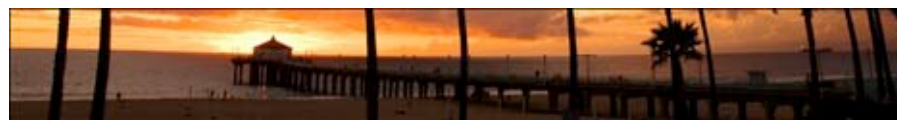
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Nigeria: Again, Boko Haram Kills Police Officer

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Maiduguri — The police in Borno State have confirmed the killing of a police corporal (names undisclosed) by two gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members, who fired at him in an ambush attack in Dala Alamderi suburb of Maiduguri the state capital.

The state Deputy Police Commissioner, Usman Baba, said the killed polieman was shot at a local mosque at about 7.30pm on Tuesday, adding that four suspects have been arrested.

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Parading the suspects before newsmen at the police headquarters on Wednesday, Baba noted that the four suspects "were arrested after a hot chase by the Joint Military/Police Task Force to their hideouts, where a Kalashnikov rifle and the motorcycle used in killing one of our men and officers that lives in Dala Alenderi ward.

Daily Independent gathered that some arms and ammunitions, including a brand new motorcycle, were also recovered by the police.

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Baba implored residents to remain calm and continue to give useful information to the police even as he stressed that "the security of lives and property, is not the business of the police and other security agents alone, but residents and members of communities".

He said "the police has imbibe the culture of effective and efficient community policing that will make it difficult for suspects hide and live among the residents of various wards and communities of Maiduguri metropolis."

The killing of the police corporal on Tuesday brought the number of killed officers to 15 since after the elections.

As at the time of filing this report, movement of commercial vehicles and motorcycles is still being restricted between 6.p.m and dawn.

For fear of their lives, residents have embarked on self-imposed curfew by deserting the streets as early 7.p.m.

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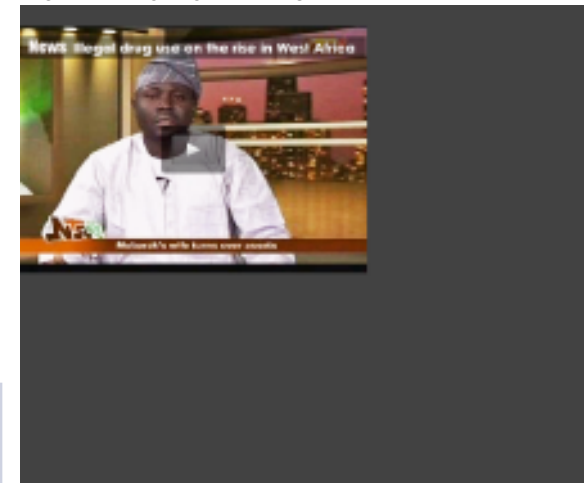
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