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Missing Boko Haram inmates: Court summons Borno Prison boss

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• Gunmen kill top civil servant, two others in Maiduguri

THE SPATE of killings in the northern part of the country continued on Wednesday night as a Director in the Borno State Civil Service and two others were mowed down in Maiduguri, the State capital, by gunmen suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect.

Two other persons were seriously wounded in the attack by the men, who reportedly trekked to the Director's house, wearing flowing gowns. This

is the latest in a wave of attacks that have led to the killing of more than 15 persons since the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

It happened just as the state judiciary is taking on officials of the Nigeria Prison Service (NPS) over the disappearance of 24 suspected Boko Haram inmates who were in custody in Maiduguri.

The State Police Commissioner, Simeone Midenda,

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who confirmed the latest killings, named the victims as Turmda Malgwi, the Director, and Yakubu Iliya, a 67-year-old retired civil servant. The third person, in his early 20s, could not be identified.

Although the police con-

firmed receiving a report of the killing at about 10.35 p.m. on Wednesday, *Daily Independent* gathered that the bodies of the deceased were not discovered until the following morning as residents of Bulumkutu suburb, where they were attacked,

remained indoors out of fear. According to a witness, the killers arrived the director's house on foot and suddenly opened fire on him and two others who were relaxing in front of the house shortly after the late evening prayers. The

killers left immediately after the shooting.

Iliya and his two friends died instantly. Two others were said to have been wounded by stray bullets.

Midenda explained: "I received the report of the attack and killings in Bulumkutu at about 10.35 p.m. from one of our men in the field, stating that three unknown gunmen

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Cameron and Sarkozy visit Libya

British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicolas Sarkozy gave Libya's new rulers strong support during a landmark visit to Tripoli on Thursday, vowing to release billions of dollars more in frozen assets and to push ahead with NATO strikes against Moammar Gadhafi's last strongholds.

Cameron told the fugitive Libyan leader and his backers, "It is over. Give up."

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walked on foot and fired several gun shots into the people sitting at Iliya's residence at about 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday night." He was convinced the killers were members of the Boko Haram sect.

Meanwhile, the State Com-

troller of Prisons, Usman Maina Kaina, will next month appear before a Maiduguri High Court for allegedly allowing the evacuation of 24 suspected Boko Haram members from the prison by officials of the Joint Task Force (JTF) without permission of the court that ordered them to be held in custody.

The missing inmates had been facing trial since 2009 for offences related to the Boko Haram insurgency that claimed over 700 lives.

The presiding judge of the Maiduguri High Court 11, Justice Wakil Alkali Gana, who was visibly irked by the news that the detainees had been

moved out of the prisons, in his ruling said "nobody has the right to take away somebody who is currently on trial in a court of law".

He therefore ordered that the Prisons boss should appear before the court on November 19, to explain the whereabouts of the suspects.

Leave Jonathan alone, PDP tells ACN

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National Publicity Secretary, Rufai Ahmed Alkali, PDP said that comments by ACN in particular had been the most annoying and unfair.

"We in the Peoples Demo-

lised society, dictating to an independent judiciary, the appointment and discipline of its judicial officers and modus operandi of this critical arm of government.

"If the PDP as the ruling

focused and the President has demonstrated unquestionable determination to systematically address some of the major problems facing our nation.

"We therefore urge the ACN to refocus its attention to

what he ought to do to make Nigeria a better place".

"How can we leave President Jonathan alone when he is not performing? We cannot leave him alone when after his 100 days there is nothing to

Tears as UN remembers Abuja bomb victims

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completely damaged United Nations House, where a memorial was held in remembrance of victims of the August 26 bombing.

Moving tributes came from the 12-year-old Edward Dede, who spoke on behalf of the bereaved families, and from the President, UN Staff Association, Uzoma Abudu, who described the victims as martyrs of development, whose names will be engraved on the wall of UN House when it rises again.

The flow of tears from the relations of the dead centie