

Gunmen kill Potiskum LG security officer

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DAMATURU Gunmen appear to have vowed to frustrate all security apparatus in Yobe State and other parts of northern Nigeria.

Last Saturday night (8:29pm), gunmen attacked the residence of the Potiskum Local Government Area newly appointed Chief Security Officer (CSO), Bawa Dungus, killing him in the process.

It was however gathered that before his death the late Bawa Dungus was being

avoided by friends and well wishers, stressing that he would soon be eliminated by the hoodlums.

Potiskum is 100 kilometres West of Damaturu, one of the cosmopolitan towns in Yobe State. It was also the town where the Comptroller of Customs for Borno and Yobe states, Alhaji Adamu Ahmadu, was also killed by the same suspected gunmen, recently.

The gunmen came in unmarked Golf Car and trailed him right from a nearby tea shop to his house, before firing several gun shots into his head and chest

at his residence. Confirming the incident, a police Officer, who does not want his name mentioned in Potiskum, said: "We heard some gun shots at about 8pm; our men rushed to the house of the CSO, Mallam Bawa, and realised that the gunmen had already fled after gunning him down before his wives, children numbering 25, who had finished taking their evening meals," adding that the body of the chief security officer has been deposited at the Potiskum General Hospital for autopsy and identification by family members before his burial according to Islamic

rites.

Nuhu Ibrahim, a resident and an eyewitness, said that the assassination of Dungus did not come as a surprise as people knew he is not safe with the new position offered to him. He said Dungu's killing on Saturday night was also similar to the ones being unleashed on the Comptroller of Customs last week in Potiskum. Police authority, however, said no arrests had been made, as continued patrol of streets and houses in Potiskum are being intensified by the joint task force of soldiers and policemen.