

Gunmen kill lecturer, policeman in Kaduna

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• Kill SSS officer in Maiduguri

GUNMEN suspected to be members of the Boko Haram Islamic sect on Sunday night visited Rigassa, a suburb of Kaduna Metropolis, and killed a senior lecturer at Kaduna Polytechnic and an Assistant Superintendent of Police, (ASP) who resided on the same street.

The lecturer, Muhammad Abdulsalam Abubakar, was gunned down by the assailants at his residence at Dan-Madami road, Rigasa in Igabi Local government.

In a similar development, gunmen believed to be members of Boko Haram Monday shot dead an officer of the State Security Service (SSS) serving in Maiduguri, Borno

State capital.

The incident occurred shortly after Governor Kashim Shettima had called on the sect members to lay down their arms, saying his government was willing to engage in a dialogue with them. He also offered a second chance for them to be re-integrated into society.

Eyewitnesses, who spoke to our reporter in Maiduguri shortly after the incident, said the SSS official, Ibrahim Steven Malgwi, was attacked in a barbing salon in Gidan Yashi area of Abbaganaram street in Maiduguri, after group of young gunmen trailed him there and opened fire on him.

Director of SSS in charge of the state, Ahmed Abdullahi, confirmed the incident to our reporter on phone.

Confirming the death of his younger brother, Mahmood Abdulsalam, a former chief registrar of Kaduna Polytechnic, said, "My brother was shot after the evening prayers when he left the mosque and went back to his residence".

The visibly shaken Mahmood, continued, "We usually prayed together every evening in my house, he came to my house and we talked at length before we went for prayers and shortly after the prayers he left for his house. He went and bought fuel for

his generator and after we exchanged pleasantries and he left.

Mahmood said, "The assassins shot him right in front of his gate, when his 12-year-old son came to open the gate for him, the boy suspected that something was going to happen, and he immediately asked the father to come inside quickly.

"Unknown to them, the killers had parked their motorcycle near the electric pole close to the house waiting for him. The boy was trying to close the gate after his father had entered with his Toyota Camry car, when suddenly the hoodlums, who were two in number, forcefully opened

the gate and one of the them brought out a gun that looked like AK 47 and shot him twice in his neck".

Speaking on the development, Mahmood said, "It was only when we took our brother to 44 Army Reference Hospital after the incident that we saw a police officer, who was also killed with the name ASP Salisu Ahmed who lived just two blocks after my late brother's house and they had the same type of Toyota Camry car, the same ash colour, you can say they were looking for that police, because they shot the policeman three times.

Confirming the two deaths, the Kaduna State, Police Commissioner, Mohammed Abubakar, said the deaths were guerrilla attacks.



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