

# Gunmen kill three Igbo traders, ward head in Potiskum

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**ABOUT** five gunmen reportedly attacked the residences of traders at the Low Cost Housing Estate of Potiskum in Yobe State, shooting three Igbo traders dead.

The gunmen walked into the estate compound, demanded for the trio, before firing several gun shots into their heads and chests at

about 8.45 pm on Sunday, then reportedly fled in the direction of Potiskum.

Potiskum is 100 kilometres west of Damaturu, the Yobe State capital and one of the five council areas under State of Emergency imposed by President Goodluck Jonathan in December 2011.

Reports indicated that no arrests had been made as at press time in respect of the incident as the Housing

Estate was immediately cordoned off by Joint Task

Force (JTF) operatives against further attacks and killings in the area.

Confirming the incident recently in Damaturu, the Yobe State Police Commissioner, Moses Onireti, in a telephone chat said that suspected gunmen invaded the Potiskum Housing Estate and shot dead three traders in the estate.

He said the reports sent in by the Potiskum Police Area Command indicated that

the gunmen came on foot into the housing estate and demanded for the presence of some traders, before opening fire on the victims.

He, however, said that with the information provided by some residents, the culprits will be fished out by the police and other security agents. The bodies of the slain traders, according to him, have been deposited at the General Hospital for identification by family members and autopsy.