

Gunmen kill top Shiite leader in Kano

Unknown gunmen on Friday shot and killed a top leader of the Shiite Islamic sect in the city of Kano, in Kano State. Our sources disclosed that the shooting took place around 8 a.m.

We learnt that a group of gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram operatives came to the home of Mohammed

Alli, a prominent Shiite leader and civil servant in Kano State, and asked to use one of his motorbikes. He was said to have turned down the request and was promptly shot at close range by the men. The late Mr. Alli, one of the richest Shiites residing in the state lived in the Gadan Kaya area of Kano.

As at press time, his corpse has been deposited at the Murtala Muhammed Hospital in Kano whilst preparations were being made for his burial according to Muslim rites.

The vast Shiite Islamic group in Nigeria is led by Sayyid Ibrahim Zakzaky. The group is reputed to be one

of Nigeria's best organized Islamic sects with millions of members spread across northern Nigeria.

A police source said he feared that today's killing could lead to a more dangerous and wider inter-sect war between Shiites and members of the militant Boko Haram group