

# Gunmen attack bullion van, kill two soldiers, civilian in Maiduguri

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**GUNMEN**, who attacked a bullion van conveying Borno State local government workers' salaries, killed two soldiers and a civilian on Wednesday, even as a police officer was on Tuesday evening killed following another attack on a patrol vehicle.

The bullion van, which was carrying last month's workers' salary from Maiduguri

to Guzamala, was attacked by armed gunmen, who ambushed and opened fire on the bullion van, being escorted by soldiers.

Two of the soldiers were killed, alongside a civilian believed to be a staff of the local government council.

Daily Independent gathered from sources at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital that three corpses were brought to the hospital's mortuary on Tuesday afternoon.

Col. Victor Ebhaleme, who is the Field Operations Officer of the Joint Task Force (JTF), confirmed the killing, even as he noted that the dead soldiers were of the regular army battalion in Monguno.

He said the attack could be armed robbery, added, "it took place along Maiduguri-Magumeri road in which two soldiers and a civilian were killed. But the soldiers were not those under the JTF".

The Police Public Relations

Officer, Gideon Jibrin, confirmed to newsmen that a "Police officer, popularly known as Nathaniel, was killed, "but the three other officer escaped without any injury, when they were attacked somewhere near Dalori on Tuesday afternoon".

Boko Haram, who had in the recent past claimed responsibility for most of the bank and highway heists in teleconferences they usually initiated, had not claimed responsibility for the attack.