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Gunmen invade Borno LG boss home, kill son, driver

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Unknown gunmen on Sunday night invaded the residence of Chairman of the Caretaker Committee of Shani Local Government area of Borno State, Madu Walama, in Walama village, killing one of his sons, Shettima Walama, aged 20.

They also shot dead a driver in his car on the Biu-Shani-Numan while attempting to escape after the attack.

Shani shares border with Adamawa State, and about 240 kilometres south from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Daily Independent gathered from residents of Walama that this is the fourth time unknown gunmen have invaded the council chairman's house in Walama village.

The chairman was not in the house at all the times of the visits.

Sources said: "When the gunmen suspected to be political assassins invaded the house, they asked for the whereabouts of the chairman, and when they

discovered that he was not around, they opened fire on one of his sons, before leaving him in the pool of his blood.

“Although, the shot son was rushed to the hospital, unfortunately he died.

“The gunmen numbering over five in a private vehicle stormed the village at about 11.00 p.m. on Sunday, wreaked havoc in the chairman’s house, but did not touch any other residents; only one man driving along the main road was equally killed by the attackers while trying to escape from the scene,” the source said.

State Police Commissioner, Lawal Tanko, confirmed the incident, saying the gunmen were suspected to be armed robbers.

Another report from Warri said three Dutch nationals and three Nigerians were on Sunday evening kidnapped by bandits at Letugbene, a boundary riverside community in the Ekeremor Local Government Council between Delta and Bayelsa states.

The three Dutch nationals, two males and a female, and the three Nigerians all males, were reportedly taken hostage at about 4.30 p.m. after they had paid homage to the traditional ruler of Iduwuni Kingdom, King Joel Ibane (Ogiobo IX), in his palace

The reports said they had visited the monarch as part of their schedule to the Dodo River communities to ascertain the conditions of the people in the riverside communities and they were said to have also visited a local hospital in Amutu II which serves over 16 communities along the Dodo River for on the spot assessment.

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