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Boko Haram Kills 4 In Fresh Maiduguri Attacks

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Unknown gunmen, suspected to be Boko Haram members, yesterday struck in Maiduguri, Borno State and carried out two attacks in different areas, killing four people including a middle-aged woman, her 10-year-old son and two others.

The attacks came 24 hours after an explosion rocked a house used as a bomb factory, which left three suspected Boko Haram members dead in Kaleri Ward.

It was gathered that the first incident took place on Saturday night when two gunmen drove in an unmarked Volkswagen car and raided Zannari Ward, firing sporadic gunshots in the air.

The assailants were said to have thereafter entered into a house and asked a woman the whereabouts of her husband and that when she told them that he had travelled, they subsequently killed her along with her son before fleeing the scene.

Though the motive behind the incident could not be

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ascertained as at press time, the development was the first time a woman and her son would fell victims to the persistent attacks allegedly perpetrated by the members of the sect.

But residents of the area claimed that women and children were not among the targets of the sect, alleging that it was regrettable that the gunmen had stormed the house looking for the husband of the late woman and that in his absence, unleashed their anger on his family members.

The second attack occurred yesterday in Gamborou Market at about 10am after three gunmen, suspected to be Boko Haram members raided the area and killed a trader before proceeding to a nearby shop and slaughtered a tailor.

Witnesses also told journalists that five gunmen drove to the market in a tricycle just as three of them alighted while other took strategic positions and fired several shots in the air before heading to the shops of their victims.

"While the gunmen shot the trader to death, the tailor was killed differently as they used knife to slit his throat. We don't know why these kinds of attacks and killings have defied solutions despite the presence of heavy security, coupled with curfew and state of emergency imposed in the affected areas", an indigene in the area, Malam Bukar Kachallah, said.

But the incident had caused pandemonium in the area with people scampering for safety while the market was closed after the attackers fled the scene.

Sources at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) told journalists the remains of the father and his son were deposited at the morgue of the hospital.

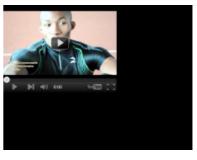
The spokesman of the Borno State Police Command, ASP Samuel Tizhe, confirmed the incidents, saying that no arrest had been made in the matter. He, however, added that investigation had commenced to unravel the perpetrators and the motives behind the heinous acts.





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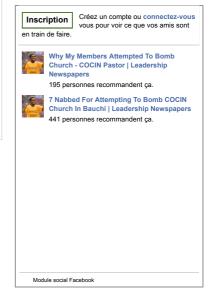
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