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One person was yesterday killed and another two injured after an attack by gunmen, suspected to Boko Haram members, in Babanlayi near the Monday Market, Maiduguri, Borno State.

Witnesses told journalists that the gunmen had invaded the area in the afternoon and reportedly attacked a businessman.

But members of the Joint Task Force (JTF) on Operation Restore Order (ORO) were alerted just as the development led to a shootout between the JTF and the gunmen.

A witness, Mallam Modu Husaini, said that the unnamed businessman was killed by the gunmen who decided to run on sighting the JTF.

Husaini said that two other persons were injured in the ensuing commotion which spread to the nearby Monday market.

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He said, "Traders at the market were forced to close their businesses on hearing gunshots. But normalcy returned after some few minutes."

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Borno State Police Command, Mr Samuel Tizhe, confirmed the story, saying that "it is true a businessman was shot while two others were injured. The police is already investigation the incident," he said.

He also confirmed the killing of two persons at Dusuma, in Jere Local Government Area(LGA) after a bloody clash between farmers and cattlemen.

He said, "At about 2.30pm at Dusuma ward of Jere LGA, two persons were killed in what appears to be a Fulani/farmers feud.

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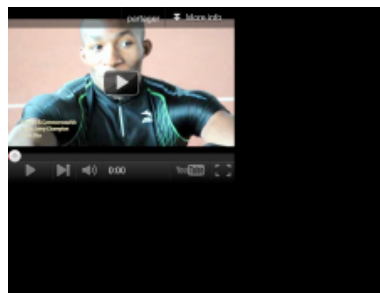


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