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SUSPECTED members of the Boko Haram sect yesterday killed a soldier attached to a church in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

An eyewitness, Garba Uba, said the deceased was shot by unknown gunmen, while buying recharge card beside the church.

Uba said: "He was shot by some gunmen, who trailed him to the vendor's place, a few metres from his colleagues."

He said the killers escaped.

The Commander, 21 Army Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Hassan Ndaliman, confirmed the killing.

The commander said: "It is true that one officer was killed at Jajeri yesterday. He was shot because he moved alone. The training in the military is that you move in pairs to avoid this kind of situation."

He said some suspects had been arrested.

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