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Suspected members of the Boko Haram sect, yesterday, killed two policemen in Kaduna.

The policemen were on security duties at the home of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Sabon Gari (Magajin Gari) Police Station.

The gunmen were said to have arrived the home of the DPO on Abuja road in Rigassa.

Eyewitnesses said they shot the two policemen at about 9 p.m.

But police sources in the state denied that the gunmen were members of Boko Haram.

Former Commissioner of Police Tambari Yabo Mohammed, who is now the police chief in Kano State, had warned that security reports indicated that the Boko Haram group was planning to attack the police station at Rigassa.

The suspects, who came on motorbikes, stole the rifles of the policemen.

Mustapha Sandamu, the DPO, told reporters that he heard gunshots outside his home.

He said: “When I heard a loud noise, I thought the sound was from a nearby transformer.

“I was later told that some hoodlums engaged my security men in a gun battle outside my home. They came on a motorcycle and one of them wore a Baban Riga.

“They stopped in front of my home and shot at the unsuspected policemen.”

Sources said the two police corporals were rushed to the Barau Dikko Hospital.

They were rejected and referred to 44 Army Reference Hospital.

Sandamu said they died at the Saint Gerald Catholic Hospital at 12 midnight.

He said there were bullet holes on the walls of his home and his Honda car, which was parked outside.

On the identity of the policemen, the DPO said: “The two are Corporals and I don’t know their names as I have so many of them working for me.”

Police spokesman DSP Aminu Lawal confirmed the incident, but also denied that the hoodlums were members of the Boko Haram group.

He regretted that the command lost two men, saying “the suspects will be hunted down, caught and brought to book.”

Lawal said although they operated in Boko Haram style, they are armed bandits.

He said: “The policemen returned fire and we believe they escaped with gunshot wounds.”

It was learnt the crime may have been perpetuated by two suspected Boko Haram members, who were detained at the Sabon Gari Police Station.

They were said to have been released after interrogations.

A source said this might have been a reprisal attack on the DPO, who arrested them.