

# ***Boko Haram kills policeman***

THE Police yesterday said some suspected gunmen, believed to be members of the Boko Haram sect have shot a policeman dead in a rash of killings targeting security officers.

Borno State Police Commissioner Mohammed Abubakar said the policeman was on patrol on Monday evening near St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maiduguri, the state capital, when he was shot.

Boko Haram members have targeted Police and clerics in a string of killings over the past one year. They have also attacked churches and engineered a massive prison break.

The sect, whose name in Hausa means "Western education is sacrilege," has campaigned for the implementation of strict Shariah, the Islamic law.

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