

Boko Haram kills six in Borno

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Boko Haram insurgents have killed six persons, including two Air Force officers, at separate locations in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, and environs.

It was learnt that one of the Air Force officers, who was in mufti, was returning home after the day's work when he was shot dead at Ngomari, a few metres from the Maiduguri Air Force Base.

Eyewitnesses said some gunmen had earlier killed two brothers in their home in the area.

It was learnt that the incident occurred at 6.30pm on Monday. The gunmen reportedly asked after the brothers and made some demands on them.

It was learnt that when the brothers could not meet the demands, the gunmen shot them dead.

The mother of the brothers was said to be present when the incident occurred. The assailants reportedly stole her vehicle and other valuables.

The gunmen were said to have sighted the Air Force officer as they started the car.

Apparently thinking the officer was going to attack them, the gunmen reportedly opened fire on him, killing him instantly.

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gathered that officials of the Joint Task Force (JTF) chased the assailants until they had an accident with the car on Damboa Road, a distance of about two kilometres from the scene of the killing and robbery.

The gunmen left the vehicle on the road and escaped into the bush.

It was learnt that another Air Force officer was killed in Polo, about 150 kilometres from Maiduguri, when some gunmen invaded the neighbourhood.

The sect was said to have also killed another man during a shooting at the popular Monday market.

Eyewitnesses said they heard sporadic gunshots yesterday afternoon, adding that when the atmosphere was calm, they saw a body on the street.

The Fields Operations Officer of JTF, Col. Victor Ebhaleme, confirmed the killings on phone.

He said the military was on top of the situation.

Police Commissioner Simeon Midenda also confirmed the incident, but said he could not give details because he was on his way to Abuja for a meeting with the Acting Inspector-General of Police Mohammed Dikko Abubakar.

Midenda said: "I can confirm the killing of a civilian in Gamboru, Ngala Local Government Area. He was shot dead in front of a mosque last night (Monday)."

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