

## Gunmen kill 3 policemen in Bauchi

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THREE policemen were, on Thursday night, killed by unknown gunmen at a checkpoint at Tilden Fulani in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

It was gathered on Friday that the slain policemen were with two other colleagues on a patrol duty who, however, were not at the scene when they were attacked by the assailants.

Sources, including Toro council area officials, told journalists that the policemen were attacked between 10.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. when the two who escaped the attack had gone to eat.

"Five policemen went out for duty last (Thursday) night. It was raining as of that time, but on reaching their regular checkpoint, two of them went into the town to eat, while three stayed behind.

But, unfortunately, before they returned, their colleagues had been attacked and killed," an official of Toro council area, who did not want to be named, told journalists.

According to a source, the attackers took away the rifle of one of the slain policemen.

The remains of the deceased, the source said, had been deposited in a hospital.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Bauchi State police command, DSP Haruna Mohammed, told journalists that he was yet to get details of the attack.

"I am yet to get details of the attack, but as soon as I do, I will let you know, please," he said.

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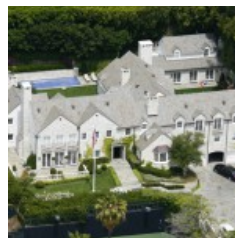
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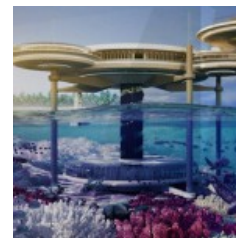
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