

Gunmen kill Army Garrison Commander in Bauchi

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RESIDENTS of Bauchi State woke to the news of the killing of the Garrison Commander of the 33 Artillery Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Bauchi, Colonel Mohammed Barrack, on Monday.

Unconfirmed reports had it that the army officer who was allegedly killed by yet-to-be apprehended gunmen on the Bauchi-Jos road late Sunday night, was accosted while riding his power bike.

He was on his way to Bauchi from Kaduna

The news came on the heel of an already-tensed atmosphere in the state capital because of the inconclusive gubernatorial election which collation had been scheduled to resume today.

A top security source told newsmen that the security situation in the state had nothing to do with the killing of the army officer.

It could, however, not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report if the murder of the military officer was a case of robbery attack.

"The Garrison Com-

mander of 33 Artillery Brigade of Nigerian Army (Shadawanka Barracks) Bauchi, Colonel Mohammed Barack, has been shot dead. He was shot on Sunday along Jos Road while on a power bike and was coming back from Kaduna. He is from Kano State," a source said.

When the *Nigerian Tribune* visited the 33 Artillery Brigade headquarters, Bauchi, at about 2.30 p.m., key military officers who could give official statement on the development were said to have travelled to Kano where the remains of the officer were taken for burial, according

to Islamic rites.

When contacted on phone, spokesperson of 33 Artillery Brigade, Major Yahaya Nasir Kabara, confirmed the incident, saying, "Yes, it's true."

When asked to give details, he said "it is a matter that needs investigation; investigation is ongoing, I will get back to you when the finding is out. Let me communicate with my commander, I will get back to you."

But as of the time of this report, he had yet to get back, even as he promised that a statement would be issued.