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Gunmen kill cleric in Maiduguri mosque

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Gunmen on Sunday killed an Islamic cleric, Sheikh Ibrahim Ahmed, at his Gomari Mosque in Maiduguri.

The News Agency of Nigeria learnt that Ahmed, popularly called Ibrahim Gomari, was killed about 7pm after observing the Magrib prayer at the mosque close to his residence.

"About three unknown gunmen came in an unmarked sports utility vehicle around 7pm and fired about five shots at the scholar in front of the mosque.

"He died almost immediately as he was shot at the chest and head by the killers," a witness, Mallam Garba Isa, said.

The Commissioner of Police in Borno, Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar, confirmed the incident.

"It is true that we received a distress call around 7pm from Gomari ward. A team of policemen was sent immediately but the cleric had already been killed before they arrived," Abubakar said.

He said that the police had already begun investigations to unravel the killers.

The late cleric was believed to be a former member of the Yusufiyya Sect (Boko Haram) founded by late Mohammed Yusuf before denouncing his membership of the group.

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