

a period of one year.

Robbers kill three LG officials, policeman

SUSPECTED armed robbers on Monday ambushed officials of Shani Local Government Area of Borno State, who were on their way to pay staff salary.

Alhaji Modu Walama, the Caretaker Committee Chairman of the council, told the News Agency of Nigeria in Maiduguri, that three of the officials and a policeman were killed during the attack which occurred at Marama junction in Biu LGA.

Walama said the officials were on their way to Shani after cashing the staff salary from a bank.

He said, "The bandits shot three of the council officials and a police escort before carting away the entire June salary of the council workers.

'Another police escort was also injured by the bandits,' he said.

The chairman said the remains of the victims had already been buried in Shani.

An eyewitness, Malam Garba Dudu, told NAN that the bandits, who operated in a white Toyota Starlet, opened fire on the council vehicle conveying the officials as soon as they approached the Marama junction.

Col. Victor Ebhaleme, the spokesman of the Military Task Force on Operation Restore Order, confirmed the report but said that the number of those killed was not up to four.