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Chairman for 2012-2013. Mr. President was indeed approached by leaders within and outside the West African sub-region to take up the challenge of leading the AU for the next one year.

Abati said in order to make his position clear, Jonathan in his capacity as ECOWAS Chairman, summoned a mini-Summit of ECOWAS at the AU Commission Headquarters, Addis Ababa on Saturday to ensure that there was a meeting of minds on the position of AU Chairman.

A report by *AFP* had suggested in its report on Saturday that Jonathan might run for the AU chairmanship, quoting a source close to the President.

"Quite a number of African leaders have been approaching him and encouraging him to be the candidate for the next chairman of the African Union," said the source, who craved anonymity.

## Church guard killed in Yobe

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**A** GUARD with the Church of Christ in Nigeria, Mr. Baba Garba, was on Sunday evening murdered after church service in Potiskum, Yobe State. Garba was said to be a Karekare man from Kopkop village in Daigubi area of Potiskum.

His killing came on the heels of allegations by the Coordinator of a non-governmental organisation, Stefanos Foundation, Mr. Mark Lipdo, that indiscriminate and selective killings, mostly targeted at Christians, were still going on in Yobe State.

Our correspondent learnt that 62-year-old Garba was murdered by two young men on a motorcycle, who trailed him to his house located east of Potiskum barracks after church service. The killers were said to have waited for Garba in front of his house and on sighting him, shot him at point-blank range.

Garba was said to be a father of six and a guardian of four others said to be the children of his elder brother.

Secretary of COCIN Local Church Council, Mr. Idris Musa, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday, said Garba was buried at the Potiskum burial ground on Monday.

Idris, while condemning Garba's murder, appealed to the Yobe State Government to check unwarranted attacks on Christians in the state.