Gunmen attack police base in Bauchi, kill inspector

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Gunmen have attacked Naborodo safer highway Patrol Axis of the Bauchi State Police Command along Bauchi-Jos road and killed a 35-year-old Inspector.

One other person was also killed during the attack.

The Bauchi State Police Command disclosed this in a statement signed and made available to journalists by its Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, Sunday night.

He said that the incident happened on Saturday.

According to him, the civilian was shot by a stray bullet and was rushed to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi where he later died.

Wakil said, "Bauchi state command regret to announce that on Saturday 14th of March 2021, at about 9.30pm an attack was unleashed at the Naborodo safer high way Patrol Axis of the Bauchi State Police Command, on police officers patrolling Bauchi – Jos road, by unknown armed men.

"The incidence which was indeed a very unfortunate one and resulted in the death of a Police officer, Inspector Mukhtar Ibrahim, Male, (35) who was shot dead by the assailant and one Uba Samaila, Civilian, Male (33) a resident of Naborodo town, who was hit by a stray bullet, but later died at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital (ATBH) while receiving treatment."

He said that the Service rifle of the deceased with beach NO.32486 has been recovered by the Police.

He added that the corpses of the victims have been released to the families for burial according to Islamic right.

The Police Spokesman stated that more patrol teams have been deployed to the A area while security men have embarked on stop and search with a view to tracking down the hoodlums.

He assured that "so far, calm has been restored in the area and citizens can go about their normal businesses without let or hindrance."

He said that: "The Bauchi State Police Commissioner, CP Sylvester Alabi, regrets the ugly incidence and has condoled with the bereaved family over the irreplaceable loss. He has also ordered a full-scale investigation of the matter.

"The Bauchi State Police Command would therefore not relent on this, it will dig deep into the matter and find a lasting solution to this security breach.