

# Gunmen kill policeman, kidnap Taraba council chairman

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**GUNMEN** yesterday attacked the Caretaker Committee Chairman of Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State, Mr Boyi Manja, and killed his Orderly before taking the chairman to a yet to be known destination.

The chairman was attacked along Takum-Chanchangi road in Takum local government area of the state.

Spokesperson, Taraba State Police Command, Abdullahi Usman, who confirmed the attack, told Daily Sun that the command was

carrying out a massive search for the chairman as well as the assailants.

"I can confirm to you that the chairman of Takum local government area, Boyi Manja, was attacked today, Sunday, May 7, and his Orderly was killed in the attack. The attackers, believed to be kidnappers, went away with the chairman and, as we speak, his whereabouts is still unknown.

"From preliminary investigation, we gathered that the assailants mounted a roadblock when they saw the chairman approaching, and asked his driver to open the trunk of the car. As he made

it, those who laid ambush opened fire on the Orderly and killed him before whisking the chairman away.

"As we speak, we have commenced a massive manhunt in the area to track down the kidnappers and rescue the chairman. The command will do everything possible to ensure that those who killed the security officer are apprehended and made to face the full wrath of the law. We also call on members of the public with any useful information to quickly make it available to our men. I assure you that their identities will be kept safe," PPRO said.