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# Gunmen kill district head, shoot policeman in Maiduguri, Borno State

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On **12 May**, two gunmen riding on a motorcycle, attacked and killed Alhaji Abba Mukhtar Tijjani, the district head of Mairari in Maiduguri, Borno State. Tijjani was shot several times on his head and chest. Some sources say his friend, Alhaji Buba Tela, was also shot severally, but did not die and is currently receiving treatment at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH).

Sources close to the district head's family said the gunmen waylaid him at his residence in Budun, behind the Shehu of Borno's palace at about 3.30 in the broad afternoon, concealing their Kalashnikov rifles under their traditional flowing gowns. They say Abba Mukhtar was discussing with some friends and acquaintances when the gunmen, both apparently in their late twenties, stepped out and opened fire on him. They fled immediately after killing him.

In another incident about two hours later, gunmen again shot a policeman who, with his colleagues, was conducting a stop-and-search operation around the Monday Market in the metropolis. Police authorities say the policeman was wounded, but did not die and is currently receiving treatment at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH).

Reacting to the two incidents, Borno State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Lawan Abdullahi, called for public cooperation in tracking down the killers. He said: "We urge good members of the public to cooperate and assist security agents to rid the menace of killings in Borno. They should consider policing as a collective responsibility".

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