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Nigeria: Boko Haram Kills Ex-Council Boss

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Two [persons, including a former council boss](#), were shot dead by suspected Boko Haram members during a condolence visit in [Damboa town](#), in the southern senatorial district of Borno State.

THISDAY gathered that the former council boss of Damboa local government area, [Lawan Kagu](#), who just buried his father Friday evening was receiving visitors who came to pay a condolence visit on him when he was gunned down by the suspected fundamentalists.

Witnesses disclosed that the gunmen who pretended to be sympathisers were able to get close to their victims and even sat on the mat with them for some minutes before drawing out their guns from their flowing gowns which they aimed at him.

Immediately they drew the gun out everyone took to their heels leaving the council boss at their mercy. They were said to have rained gunshots on him and immediately took to their heels.

The other victim was shot dead to make way for their escape as they shot sporadically to scare the people of the area .

The state commissioner of Police, Simeon Midenda, could not be reached as at the time of filing the report last night for confirmation.

But the information officer of the council, Sheriff Ajigil, confirmed the incident on phone from the town.

He said: "Lawan Kagu, our former council chairman and one other person were shot dead last night (Friday) in Damboa while the former council chairman was receiving condolences from sympathisers over the death of his father."

He said the gunmen had disguised as sympathisers before removing their guns from their flowing gowns and shot the two persons dead.

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