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By Ranti Thomas, with agency report

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According to an officer in the Joint Military Task Force, Hassan Mohammed, the attacks on Wednesday were both in Maiduguri, the capital of the state.

According to the officer, 'One person was killed by the Boko Haram in Mairi ward in the early hours of yesterday while the others were shot dead at about 1pm.'

He added, 'We are still combing the Abbaganaram ward where two people were killed to look for weapons which might have been used to kill the victims.'

The joint task force has warned all people carrying illegal weapons to surrender them by October 31 in an amnesty deal or they will be dealt with decisively if found in possession of weapons after that date.

Boko Haram, which in Hausa language means 'Western education is evil' has been behind series of shootings and home made bomb attacks in the northern part of the country.

It claimed responsibility for Nigeria's first known suicide bombing in August, driving a car full of explosives into UN headquarters in the capital Abuja, killing 23 people.

The sect is growing in sophistication and authorities in Nigeria and abroad believe it has strengthening ties with al Qaeda's North African wing.

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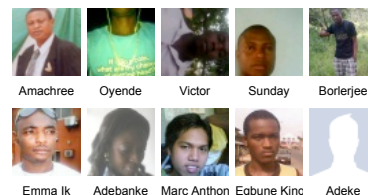
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