

# Islamic scholar shot dead in mosque

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**K**ANO. UNIDENTIFIED gunmen walked into a Kano mosque at dawn, yesterday, and shot dead a prominent Islamic Scholar in the city, Sheik Jafar Mohammed Adam.

One of his followers, Baba Mohammed was also killed in the attack on Dorayi mosque.

Four other worshippers were seriously wounded and are currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

*Saturday Vanguard* gathered that two assassins entered the mosque through the Imam's private door and fired at him as he worshipped. That done, the gunmen opened fire on the rest of the congregation, sending everyone scampering for safety.

The assailants, it was gathered had driven into the premises in an unmasked car at about 5.30 a.m. Two of them disembarked leaving the driver and the car engine

running. Once the deed was done the duo walked back into the car and drove off.

*Saturday Vanguard* learnt that the murdered Islamic scholar had only the previous night convened a special prayer session in the Mosques where he and other Islamic scholars addressed Muslim faithful on the need to actively participate in the election.

He was buried after the Juma'a prayers and is survived by three wives, and many children.

The spokesman of the state police command, DSP Baba Mohammed who confirmed the incident, said no suspect has been arrested, but said that the police had swung into action in an effort to unveil those behind the killing of the Islamic scholar, appealed to the public who have any useful information concerning the assassination to help the police.

His killing is the fourth in the state this week alone. His assassination in a mosque is without precedent in the predominantly Muslim city.