

# Gunmen attack police station, kill DPO, 12 others

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**K**ANO — GUNMEN, described by the Police as fundamentalists, yesterday

invaded the Panshekara Police Station on the outskirts of Kano, killing the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), his wife,

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and 11 other policemen. One of the assailants was a woman. They also set the police station on fire.

Eyewitnesses said the men were dressed like Arabs and wore red turbans and long beards. They spoke a foreign language. They stormed the premises at about 10 a.m, entered the station and immediately opened fire on the officers on duty.

Mission accomplished, the assailants addressed panic-stricken residents of the area and told them they (assailants) were not there to harm them (residents).

"We are here because of the state of insecurity in the state which led to the brutal murder of Sheik Jafar Mohammad Adam. We are after government officials and uniform men," they said.

As they fled the area, they killed another policeman close to the nearby Police Academy.

They reportedly opened fire on unsuspecting mobile policemen riding in a truck to the Panshekara police station. The DPO who was on his way to

the station along side his wife was also shot on the road close to where the mobile policemen were attacked.

Witnesses said after the arson, the gunmen moved to the abandoned Panshekara waterworks.

Meanwhile, a combined team of soldiers and policemen has closed all roads leading to the town, preventing people from reaching the area.

The Police Public Relations Officer in charge of the Kano State Police Command, Malam Baba Mohammed, confirmed the incident, saying everything was being done to bring the situation under control.

Last week, some assailants attacked the Sharada police station in Kano, killing two policemen on duty. The previous day, another group stormed the premises of the state command of the Federal Road Safety Commission, killing four officers there.

Yesterday's incident is coming four days after the murder of a prominent Islamic scholar in the state, Sheik Ja'afar Mahmood Adam, by unknown assailants. Adam was killed at the Dorayi Juma'at Mosque in the state capital.