## 2 cops killed in Borno, policemen abandon uniforms

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Parlety one week when a police corporal, Ahmed Masama was shot dead on his way to Micro Finance Bank for a night duty by unknown assailant around the popular Monday Market area in Maiduguri, another two policemen were shot dead Wednesday around the Gomari Airport Friday Mosque while on their way to a night duty post.

Confirming the incident to newsmen, the Borno state commissioner of police, Alhaji Ibrahim Abdu, said the late Inspector Shettima Mustapha and Corporal Ahmed Mohammed were riding on motorcycle on their way to their duty post when they were trailed by four men on two different motorcycles and shot them at close range and made away with their riffles.

The commissioner said that the two policemen who were attached to Bulumkutu Division in Maiduguri were shot in the neck and at the back which destroyed their spinal cord, around 10 pm that led their death.

He said so far, no arrest has been made but that the police and the state security service have swung into action to effect the arrest of the assassins, and called on the public to volunteer with useful information that may lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of this heinous crime.

Asked whether these killings of policemen is linked to the

remnants of the Boko Haram sect which had vowed to eliminate the police one by one in the state, the commissioner said he could not exactly disclosed the motive of the assassins as the matter is still under investigation, adding that to pre\_empt their motives will tamper with the ongoing investigations.

## Mum's miracle cuddle brings baby back to life

mother who nursed her premature baby back from the dead has describing how she refused to give up, even though doctors had told her he would not survive. Kate Ogg gave birth to twins in a hospital in Sydney, Australia.

They were delivered at 27 weeks, weighing just 2lb, and though Ogg's little girl Emily was healthy, her brother Jamie was not breathing. After battling to save him for 20 minutes, medical staff told her he had not survived. But the miracle occurred after two hours when he began show-

ing signs of life.

if he were startled, then he started gasping more and more regularly. I gave Jamie some breast milk on my finger, he took it and started regular breathing normally."

"I thought 'Oh my God, what's going on?' A short time later he opened his eyes. It was a miracle.

"Then he held out his hand and grabbed my finger. He opened his eyes and moved his head from side to side. The doctor kept shaking his head saying: 'I don't believe it, I don't believe it'." It is thought that the warmth of Ogg's body acted like an incubator to keep the baby warm and stimulated.