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Gunmen kill Boko Haram's kingpin's father

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MAIDUGURI- UNKNOWN gunmen, Monday, in Maiduguri, Borno State, killed a retired Deputy Comptroller of Prisons, Abdullahi Bello, said to be father of former spokesman of Boko Haram, Abu Dardaa, who was arrested by security agents on February 1, this year.

Bello, aka DC, was said to be performing ablution for the evening prayers when he was killed along with his friend whose identity was yet to be known at the Railway (Bayan) Quarters, Maiduguri, capital of Borno State about 6. 15pm.

His assailants later fled the scene.

It was learnt that Bello had fled to Abuja following earlier threats to his life by members, but returned to Maiduguri few days before his death.



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Sources alleged that Dardaa had been providing information on the modus operandi of the sect members which had led to the arrests of some members of the group since his arrest and detention.

Also, two suspected Boko Haram members were reportedly killed yesterday morning during a gun duel with men of the Joint Task Force, JTF, in the metropolis.

An eye-witness, who preferred anonymity, said the yet-to-be-identified gunmen trailed Dardaa's father to the Railway Quarters and killed him.

He said: "We were about to perform our Magrib prayers when we heard gunshots and because of the 6 am to 7pm curfew imposed on Maiduguri and its environs, we could not come out to see what was happening. It was only this morning that we learnt it was the former Deputy Comptroller of Prisons, Abdullahi Bello."

When contacted, JTF spokesman, Lt. Col. Sagir Musa and the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Sameul Tizhe, claimed ignorance of the incident, but a top security official in the state, who pleaded anonymity confirmed the incident.

He said: "I am not JTF or Police spokesman, but from information at my disposal, the father of Abu Dardaa, Mr. Abdullahi Bello, was killed by gunmen in Maiduguri Monday evening."

Relatedly, two gunmen suspected to be members of Boko Haram were also yesterday killed by JTF in Farm centre area

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of Maiduguri.

"The incident," according to investigation, "took place when some gunmen launched an attack in the area, but were repelled by JTF which led to the killing of the two suspects during the exchange of gun battle that lasted for 20 minutes."

However later, JTF spokesman, Lt-Col. Musa, in a statement, said that following the renewed killings and attacks on the security agencies in Maiduguri, his men yesterday embarked on a house-to-house search, particularly in some selected "flash-points" area of Abbaganram, Railway Quarters, Budum, and Jajeri wards in the metropolis.

Sagir said the Operation search every house was conducted to fish out those who have turned their residences and warehouses to haven for hiding arms and ammunition belonging to the sect members. He stated that the exercise would be continuous, and urged members of the public not to panic, but to go about their normal activities.

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kenuch

The danger in creating a monster is that you can't be sure of whom it might turn around to consume. Bello, aka DC, might have become a victim of the monsters those

around him have created.

If Qaqa is still in doubt about his own fate, he should learn from what has happened to his father and ensure he sings as loud as possible while in captive. He stands no chance outside.

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May his soul rest in peace. Boko Haram well done o o o. Please continue because your action will help the unity of the north and the nation at large. This is the north's contribution to national cake. Sorrow tears and blood. Which holy book teach this. Tell me the verse. The verse that says bomb,bomb, bomb, bomb kill your father, kill your mother, kill your brothers. the money for the guns can buy holes cutlass for farming. but that is haram. school is haram. work is haram. but kill your father is not. well done o o o o. i love your brand of faith. it is not islam unless this is the revised standard version. my neighbour is an alhaji from kwara and my oga in the office is from maiduguri and they are very peaceful. often I ask my maiduguri oga is that not the place of "Politics without bitterness". Remember Waziri of GNPP. please i will continue next time because emotion is having the better part of me. May the baba's soul rest in peace.

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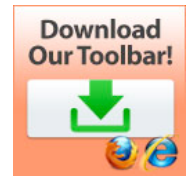
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