

Gunmen kill 3, snatch LG salary in Borno

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M AIDUGURI— FIVE suspected armed robbers, yesterday, killed two policemen and a staff of Guzamala Local Government Area of Borno State and carted away millions of naira that was meant for the payment of salary of the local government employees.

Witnesses said the police had escorted the staff of the finance department of the local government, who withdrew the unspecified amount of money at a new genera-

tion bank in Maiduguri, the state capital, but were intercepted along Magumeri Cubio highway.

A staff of the local government told our correspondent on condition of anonymity that the armed robbers who drove in a white Starlet saloon car at about 2.30pm, intercepted the vehicle carrying the police escort and the local government officials.

The source said: "They brandished sophisticated guns and shot the victims before they took away all the money that was withdrawn from the bank."

Chairman of the local

government said: "Nobody can say from where the gunmen came. The unfortunate thing had happened. Lives have been lost and colossal amount of money robbed."

He said he had informed top officials of the Borno State government and security agencies. "We have also recovered the dead bodies for burial," he added.

Police spokesman in the state, Mr. Gideon Jubrin, said he was yet to be briefed on the incident and promised that he will get back to this reporter as soon as he gets details.