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Sultan Saad Abubakar also attended the flag-off.

Adm., Capt. Oscar Wason, Dr. Admin., and Dr. Femi Oke-C placed by the Dana plane cr

Gunmen kill Borno housing corporation boss

BY NDAHI MARAMA

M AIDUGURI—GENERAL Manager of Borno State

Housing Corporation, Mr. Isa Ngaram, was, yesterday, killed by unknown gunmen in Maiduguri, capital of

Borno State.

He was killed in front of his office located at one of the troubled spots in the metropolis.

Vanguard gathered that the incident occurred at about 11.00am when the gunmen trailed the deceased to his office situated in the state's low cost housing estate and shot him dead, while he attempted to enter his private car behind his office.

The gunmen, it was learnt, also went away with the private car of the deceased who was left in a pool of his blood.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. Jubrin Gideon in a telephone interview, said that Madu was killed by yet to be identified assailants, who also made away with his vehicle, before the arrival of security agents.

The PPRO said investigation was still on to apprehend the fleeing assailants, even as he urged the public to assist police and other security agencies with information on the hideouts of criminals and terrorists in the state.

Kwara offers solution to unemployment

BY DEMOLA AKINYEMI

ILORIN—GOVERNOR Abdulfatah Ahmed of Kwara State has said that vocational training and youth empowerment remain the key to addressing the unemployment challenges confronting the nation.

Governor Ahmed stated this at the Youth Empowerment and Social Support Operation, YESSO, meeting held at the state Banquet Hall in Ilorin, the state capital.

The governor said his administration, in line with the Federal Government SURE-P Programme, has updated its database to include uneducated youths and school drop-outs to en-

sure effective engagements of the teeming youth population.

Ahmed said the Malet Youth Farm, Old Yidi Road Fish Farm and the upgrade of three technical colleges in the three Senatorial districts of the state, were all geared towards achieving his administration's youth empowerment programmes.

He assured participants that various other programmes were ongoing to ensure that the youths were adequately catered for to reduce the tendency towards social vices.

While congratulating the Federal Government and the World Bank for taking youth matters seriously, the governor, represented by the deputy governor, Elder Peter

Kisira, expressed optimism that the YESSO meeting of relevant stakeholders across the country would yield desired results.

In his remarks, the Leader, Public Sector Group of the World Bank, Professor Folusho Okunmadewa said the Federal Government was ready to support the state government KWABES programme to increase employment capacity of the state.

Prof. Okunmadewa, who spoke later in an interview, explained that the idea of the meeting was to allow input by every state government into the generic paper being developed by the World Bank to assist the employment drive at the various tiers of government.