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Varsity lecturer, 2 others killed

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M AIDUGURI—TWO people including, a lecturer with the University of Maiduguri, UNIMAID, and a Deputy Director in Borno State Ministry of Land and Survey were, yesterday, killed by some gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members.

The UNIMAID lecturer with the Department of Geography, Mr. Babagana Kolo, was trailed by his assailants to his house in Umarari Ward of Maiduguri metropolis at 5pm, Monday, and shot dead, while the Deputy Director, Mallam Yerima was equally trailed to his house in Galadima area at 7:30am, yesterday, and killed.

This was even as suspected armed robbers, yesterday afternoon, raided the popular Wapa Bureau de Change in Kano State, killing a teenager and carted away huge amounts in foreign and local currencies.

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Eyewitness told Vanguard that the robbers struck at 1pm, when Muslims were observing their midday prayers.

The Joint Task Force, JTF, spokesman in Maiduguri, Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa, said he was not in Maiduguri, but at the Defence Headquarters in Abuja for an official assignment.

JTF source

However, a top security officer attached to JTF, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the separate killings.

He said: "Monday at Galadima area of Maiduguri Metropolitan Council, one Yarima, a Deputy Director in the Ministry of Land and Survey, was shot dead at his residence by unknown gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members.

"Yesterday, at Umarari Flour Mills area of the metropolis, one Babagana Kolo, a lecturer in the Department of Geography, UNIMAID, was shot dead at his residence by

suspected Boko Haram sect members."

Robbers in Kano

Meanwhile, in Kano State, a source said some armed robbers who were dressed in police uniform had arrived the scene on four motorcycles and two utility vehicle.

The source said: "Their barrage of gunshots sent everyone around scampering for safety."

According to the source, the bandits made straight to a particular stall, where they shot and killed a teenager and made away with both foreign and local currencies already stocked in sacks.

Wapa Bureau de Change is located at the heart of the Kano Business District, surrounded by two military checkpoints and a Divisional Police Station. But the area had witnessed several violent incidents in recent time.

Yesterday's attack, however, triggered pandemonium around the city, forcing people to close their shops temporarily at the adjourning

Sabon Gari Market.

Security agents booed

Security agents were said to have arrived the scene of the incident after the robbers had fled the area, leading to their being booed and yelled at by those around.

Confirming the story, the acting Police Public Relations Officer, Kano State Police Command, Mustapha Abubakar said details of the incident were sketchy, adding that a press statement would be issued on the matter later.

Abubakar further noted that the Command, working in concert with other security agencies, had extended their dragnet to arrest the fleeing robbers.

Transition

MRS. Oghenevwaire Obaro, the Okpako Re Ewheya (most senior woman) of Erhobar-Orogun, in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, is dead.

She was aged 132 years. Service of songs holds Friday, November 23, followed Saturday by interment at her home in Erhobar-Orogun, after a funeral service on the

others injured as PDP, ACN supporters