

2 killed in SSS, terror suspects gun duel in Maiduguri

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Maiduguri

Borno Express Central Motor Park, located beside the State Security Service, SSS, office, along Kano- Jos Road, Maiduguri, Borno State capital, yesterday, became a battle ground when SSS officials engaged some suspected terrorists in a gun duel leading to the killing of a grasshopper seller and one security official.

An unconfirmed report revealed that some of the suspects were arrested. Similarly, two persons suspected to be terrorists were arrested in their

abandoned building hideout in Bulunbutu-Abuja area of the Borno State capital leading to the JTF operatives condoning off all routes linking the area.

The operation led to the killing of a civilian who was shot. Two AK47 rifles were found in the possession of the arrested suspects, according to a reliable source.

Efforts to get the JTF spokesman, Lt. Col. Sagir Musa, to comment on the incidents proved abortive as he could not be reached on phone.

Minister pledges on youth devt

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MINISTER of Youth Development, Mr Inuwa Abdul-Kadir, has reiterated the commitment of the ministry towards ensuring absolute compliance with the provisions of the law regarding youth development in the country. Speaking at National

Youth Leaders' Retreat on the Action Plan and Focus of the Ministry for 2013 held in Asaba, Delta State, Abdul-Kadir stated that compliance with the provisions of the law was in line with the rule of law mantra of the present administration.

While reaffirming his determination to build a strong, virile and united

National Youth Council of Nigeria, NYCN, he enjoined youths in the country to be vigilant and ensure that eligibility for participation in leadership was on the basis of the prescribed age bracket of 18-35 as contained in the National Youth Policy and the amendment to the NYCN constitution without compromise or waiver.