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Our correspondent gathered that the gunmen who ambushed the trader at his residence around 6:30pm, successfully executed their mission and fled without being arrested.

A neighbour to the victims who does not want his name mention in print for security reasons told our reporter that "the gunmen upon arrival at the residence of Mr. Bitrus asked one almajiri boy to enter the house and told the trader to come out as some people/customers were outside and wanted to buy things from the store. When Mr. Bitrus, his son and the almajiri boy came out to attend to their customers, the gunmen opened fire and killed them."

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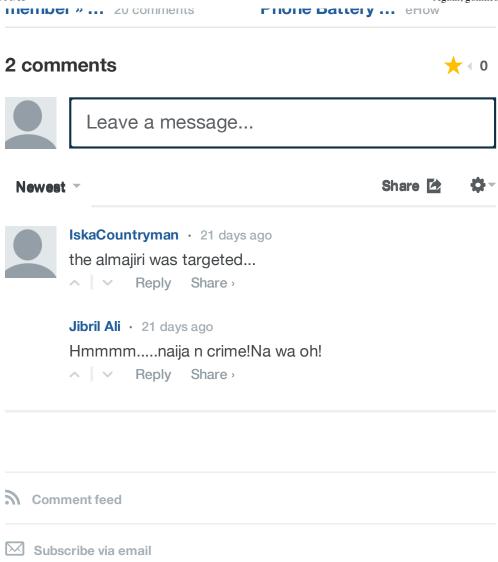
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