

## Gunmen kidnap MAUTHEC professor, kill his vet doctor younger brother

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**YOLA — GUNMEN**, yesterday, kidnapped a professor of Soil Science with the Modibbo Adama University of Technology, MAUTHEC, Yola, Adamu Zata, and killed his immediate younger brother, Dr. Sheda Zata, who was with him during the kidnap incident.

The professor's younger brother, a veterinary doctor, was shot in panic, according to a family member, Mr. Padio Phin, who said the twin incidents occurred about 2a.m. yesterday, at the professor's residence in Girei, few kilometres from the

university.

Mr. Phin informed that Dr. Sheda, who had gone to spend the night with his elder brother after arriving from his place of work in rural area to collect his salary in the state capital, was coming out of his room after hearing commotion, when they shot him.

He said: "You know, these people are on edge when they operate. They shot Dr. Sheda when they heard his door open and sighted him coming out of his room."

This is the second time in a year that the MAUTHEC professor would be kidnapped. The first was

in October last year, when he was abducted from the same residence, and was released after his family reportedly paid a ransom of N2 million.

On the latest incident, a neighbour revealed that more than 10 men, armed to the teeth, broke into the professor's house around 2a.m. and took him, killing his 49-year-old younger brother in the process.

Adamawa State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Suleiman Nguroje, confirmed the incident, saying the Commissioner of Police had deployed operatives to apprehend the kidnappers.

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vehicle and told them to come out.

"They asked them if the vehicle was one chance

burnt the suspects because it was obvious they were kidnappers as described by the victim.

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