

Gunmen kill village head in Kwara

●As Gov AbdulRazaq meets Fulani leaders

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THE head of a Bororo village, Sheidu Madawaki, was, Sunday, reportedly assassinated at Obuh Ruga cattle settlement, Oro Ago in Ifepondu Local Government Area of Kwara State. Worried by the development, Governor AbdulRazaq AbdulRahman, yesterday, met with leaders of Fulani community in the state on the need for peace to reign in view of certain security challenges within and around the state.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the Bororo leader was attacked in his residence at about 9:30 pm.

A family member of the slain leader told *Vanguard* that the gunmen were three in number, adding: "One of them was stationed outside the residence shooting sporadic residents while the other two went straight into the house and shot him in his bedroom.

"They operated with rifles suspected to be AK-47, causing panic and fear in the community."

Meanwhile, *Vanguard* reliably gathered that the deceased, five days earlier had visited the office of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, in Oro Ago on how to find lasting solution to various security threats in his domain.

The deceased was reported to have established a synergy with the agency on how to improve and sustain the existing peaceful coexistence in his kingdom.

During his visit to the agency, late Sheidu reportedly stressed the need for protection of informants and was assured by the civil defence corps.

"I have no doubt in my mind that the assassination of the Bororo leader was due to his readiness to support security agencies to wipe out criminals in the area," said another source, who preferred anonymity in an interview with *Vanguard*.

Contacted, spokesman of the state police command, Mr Okasanmi Ajayi, in a text message confirmed the development.

He said the state Commissioner of Police, Tuesday Assayomo, has directed that discreet investigation into the incident be commenced immediately.