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**W**ealthy businessmen from the United Arab Emirates who were planning to invest in Nigeria suddenly changed their plans yesterday when their Nigerian partner Alhaji Hamza Isa Kano, who was busy organising an investment seminar, was killed in his Abuja residence.

A four day seminar scheduled to commence today for small

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and medium scale businessmen and women in Abuja has been postponed indefinitely by the organisers following the killing of the businessman by unknown gun men.

Alhaji Hamza, one of the directors of Zulahatu Petroleum Company, Kubwa in the FCT and a major partner of the Arab businessmen intent in investing in Nigeria, was allegedly shot by suspected armed robbers at his Wuse 2 residence in Abuja.

The chief imam of Zulahatu Central Mosque, Kubwa, Malam Zubairu Kabiru told newsmen that the late Alhaji was attacked in his house around 5am on Sunday, August 5 this year by armed robbers who shot him and stole money and other valuables.

He said the victim was admitted at an Abuja hospital before he was transferred to

the Ahmed Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Zaria where he died after the bullet was removed.

His business associate, Alhaji Nasiru Makwalla said late Alhaji Hamza Kano, in collaboration with some Nigerian businessmen, had invited some foreign investors from the UAE who were ready to assist small and medium-scale Nigerian entrepreneurs with capital to invest in various businesses. "The foreign investors and their Nigerian counterparts organised a seminar for the beneficiaries on how best to utilise the money they were to be given. Barely one week to the commencement of the seminar, this unfortunate incident happened," the friend said. "The question the investors are now asking is, if such a thing can happen in the nation's capital, Abuja, then how safe will other parts of the country be? What is the guarantee that their

resources will be safe? There is problem," he said.

Alhaji Makwalla said the foreign investors who intend to give soft loans to 128 small and medium entrepreneurs to set up small and medium production companies have postponed the seminar indefinitely, and it is a prerequisite for giving out the

loan. FCT commissioner of police Mr Haruna John said robbers armed with dangerous weapons have been operating day and night in the territory. He said he has re-organised the Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the command to tackle cases of increasing armed robbery in the territory.

## Sierra Leone w

**A**uthorities in the country are warning of severe consequences for anyone who foments trouble, after a delay in releasing the final results of the Sierra Leone's landmark presidential and parliamentary elections, increased tension on the streets.

This is the first election in the country since the withdrawal two years ago of the United Nations peacekeepers from the country after an 11-year-old brutal civil war that claimed over 50,000 lives

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and destroyed the country's infrastructures and general economy that has been largely dependent on diamond export.

Three days after voting, the country's National Electoral Commission (NEC) has not been able to announce the full results of the elections.

The electoral body said weak infrastructures, difficult terrain and party agents who insist on verifying result sheets and other documents