

# Robbers raid shop, shoot owner

**T**here was pandemonium in Mararaba, a nearby community to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), in the early hours of yesterday when a five-man robbery gang shot a shop owner and removed his money and goods.

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria

**By Mohammed Lawal**  
*Shuaibu with agency report*

(NAN) learnt that the robbers shot the shop owner in the chest and he was rushed to a hospital by sympathizers.

A witness said the gang entered the shop and ordered the owner to let them in. He refused to comply and was shot.

"We were all going about

our normal businesses when these people arrived with guns. We thought they were policemen but they started shooting and forced their way into the recharge card shop.

"They shot the man who was reluctant to let them in, and took his money and a lot of recharge cards," the witness said.

Robberies have become a

regular occurrence in Mararaba, Nasarawa state, with filling stations, supermarkets and residential houses falling victims daily.

Residents of the area had in July cried out to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence (NSCDC) to patrol the area because of the high rate of armed robbery.

They had complained that

police presence in the area had worsened the robbery situation, alleging that the police could be covering for the robbers.

Mallam Audu Zungeru whose shop was robbed a month ago in broad daylight said: "Even when police are around during robbery operation, they would look the other way."