One killed as gunmen storm Maiduguri market

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A trader was killed at the Maiduguri Monday market yesterday when some yet to be identified gunmen stormed the popular market around 12 noon.

There was pandemonium in the market as shop owners and customers struggled to flee the market following sporadic gunshots by the two gunmen.

Witnesses said the trader was shot in the head and chest while another trader that was shot in the thigh narrowly escaped death by the whiskers.

"The killing was devastating; I screamed and held my sister when I saw the late trader in the pool of his blood," Jummai Musa, a vegetable seller, told Daily Trust on phone.

Spokesman of the Joint Task Force (JTF) Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa confirmed the incident in a statement which was made available to newsmen yesterday.