Police officer killed in Kafanchan gun battle

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

A police officer was killed while two civilians were injured when security operatives engaged gunmen suspected to be armed robbers in a gun battle. It was gathered that the incident occurred when gunmen stormed Aduwan 3, Kafanchan, Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The policeman, who sustained bullets wounds in the shoot-out with the gunmen, died at the General Hospital, Kafanchan, the police authority said.

A resident, Kingsley Magaji, told *Daily Trust* that the gunmen invaded the community at about 10:30 pm on Wednesday, shooting sporadically.

"A resident, Kachiduk, was shot on the led and is receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Kafanchan. It was a serious gun battle but the timely arrival of military men saved the situation," he said.

Kaduna police spokesman, Aminu Lawan, confirmed that a policeman was killed in the incident, adding that one of the suspected gunmen was arrested.

"We arrested one of the suspects though we lost an officer in the shoot-out. We are presently combing the bushes to ensure that we arrest the other gunmen.

"We are calling on the people to report to the police if they see anyone with bullets wounds. Everywhere is calm as people are now going about their lawful businesses," Lawan said.