

INEC staff killed, nine cops injured in Kano

A staff of the Independent National [Electoral Commission](#) (INEC) attached to its office in Bebeji local government in Kano State was yesterday morning killed during a gun duel between gunmen and security forces at Dorayi suburb of the state.

Gunmen had ambushed a truck conveying policemen to duty near Madobi road roundabout, injuring nine and sparking exchange of gunfire that reportedly led to the killing of the electoral officer and wounding two others.

The staff, Sanusi Sa'id, was shot dead while leaving the area after dropping his child at a nearby school, INEC commissioner in Kano, Abdullahi Muhammad Danyaya, said.

Danyaya, who spoke to Daily Trust by [phone](#), said the deceased was a senior staff of the commission on staff Grade Level 9.

Daily Trust gathered that the police vehicle came under attack from assailants who fired shots and detonated improvised explosive devices, causing panic among residents in the vicinity.

Eyewitnesses said the attack happened near a park located close to a local market in the area.

One of the civilians injured in the incident was a woman, who sustained gunshot in the abdomen, a [security officer](#) disclosed.

While conducting Kano [State Governor](#) Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso and former Lagos Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu round the medical ward of the Armed Forces Hospital in Kano yesterday, a female staff of the hospital disclosed that the nine policemen admitted after their patrol vehicle had come under attack.

She, however, disclosed that one of the officers had been referred to Dala [Orthopedics](#) Hospital in the state, while the remaining eight were being treated at the military hospital. Meanwhile, Kano State police command had confirmed the attack on its men, saying the officers only sustained bruises trying to disembark from the vehicle. The police said three civilians were wounded.

The command added that the policemen had effectively repelled the attack, but could not effect arrest because they were being cautious not to kill innocent people, as the gunmen had quickly melted into the crowd.