

① Gunmen kill 7 traders in Yobe market; 3 attackers gunned down

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits have killed at least seven people who were mostly traders and injured 11 others at the Ngalda cattle and main market in Fika Local Government Area of Yobe State.

The suspected bandits stormed the weekly market in Ngalda the headquarters of Fika LGA around 6 pm on Monday shooting sporadically and robbing shops and cattle markets.

Dauda Yakubu Damazai, a social media aide to Fika LG chairman, told Daily Trust that seven local traders in both the main market and cattle market lost their lives in the unfortunate incident.

"Yesterday evening (Monday), the Ngalda cattle and main market was attacked by unknown gunmen. Seven innocent people were killed by the attackers.

"At least 11 people sustained injuries. They were rushed to the General Hospital, Fika for medical treatment. Thank God three of the bandits were killed by the

security agencies and vigilantes.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Dungus Abdulkarim, said the attack was launched by a group of six armed robbers, led by Datti Alhaji Dadji of Ngalda town.

He said the incident resulted in seven fatalities and eleven injuries. The robbers made away with approximately N16.5 million.

"In response, the people of Ngalda town mobilised and killed three of the robbers, while three others escaped with injuries.

"The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) led a team of patrol officers to Alhaji Dadji's house, where they recovered a locally made pistol with three cartridges. Alhaji Dadji was arrested and is currently in police custody, facing interrogation as the investigation unfolds.

"The victims and corpses were evacuated to the General Hospital, Fika for medical treatment and autopsy. The Commissioner of Police, CP Garba Ahmed, has ordered an immediate investigation into the incident and called for calm," he added.

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