

# Robbers attack Kano *bureau de change*, kill one

**D**ARE-DEVIL armed robbers at the weekend attacked a *bureau de change* in Fagge area of Kano, killing one person and carting away about N20 million.

Eyewitnesses said the robbers, numbering nine, drove into Wappa base of the Kano *bureau de change* in a dark-colour Kia sports utility vehicle (SUV) and a dark blue BMW car under the pretext of coming to

exchange currency.

The robbers concealed their guns to beat a team of policemen on guard and gain entrance into the shop of the unsuspecting operators who had in their possession substantial amount of monies.

It was learnt that the robbers thereafter brought out their guns, forcing the bureau operators to surrender the money found in their shop.

While carting away the

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money, the robbers, who were armed to the teeth, shot some of the operators who refused to surrender their money.

During the operation, which took place at noon yesterday and lasted about 30 minutes, there was no police resistance.

No fewer than 12 persons who sustained gunshot wounds by the robbers are now under inten-

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sive care at the Murtala Muhammed Hospital in Kano.

One of those shot, identified as Tijanni Lawal Fagge, later died of his wounds.

The robbers, who came with sophisticated weapons like AK 47 assault rifle, shot into the air sporadically as they escaped in their vehicles.

Kano State Police command's spokesperson, Baba Muhammed, con-

firmed the incident, saying his men tried in vain to checkmate the robbers.

Muhammed said: "The Commissioner of Police, M. D Abubakar, had directed that the area be well fortified with security while the DPO in that area posted his men to guard the place. But unfortunately, these men came disguising as those who came for business transaction and they only acted when they entered the shops."