

News Brief

Turaki Clinches Senatorial Ticket

FORMER Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Ibrahim Saminu Turaki, who recently decamped to the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), has won the ticket for the North West senatorial zone unopposed. Until his declaration for the ACN last week, Turaki a serving senator in the National Assembly was of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). With the PDP in Jigawa, having allocated his seat to the National Vice chairman of Northwest zone, Alhaji Danladi Sankara, Turaki is set for a showdown with his former party, as he vows to work for the ACN to sweep all the stakes in the April election. Political watchers say the former governor has clout and ability to garner huge support.

—John Akubio, Dutse

Two Killed, As Armed Bandits Raid Cattle Market

ARMED bandits at the weekend attacked the Potiskum Cattle Market (PCAM) in Yobe State, killing two traders and carting away money said to run into millions. The robbers, according to an eyewitness, Mallam Ya'u Garba, attacked the market at about 2pm, injuring several people, including bystanders who were hit by stray bullets. Garba said the robbers, who arrived in a Golf Saloon car, trailed two traders into the market before attacking them with Kalashnikov rifles. "One of the traders from Anambra and other from Delta were shot in the head. They took away their bags containing millions of naira," he said. Confirming the incident, Commissioner of Police, Mamman Sule, in a telephone interview with *The Guardian* said: "There was an armed robbery attack at the cattle market and we are investigating. We are yet to arrest anybody for now." He said with information provided by traders and residents in the area, the police will investigate with a view to fishing out the culprits.

—Niadvava Musa, Damaturu