

Police kill suspected bandit in Kaduna

From **Saxone Akhaine**, Kaduna

THERE was pandemonium in Ungwan Yelwa, a suburb of Kaduna metropolis, yesterday when a policeman killed one of a four-man armed gang suspected to be members of the *Boko Haram* sect, who invaded the community.

During the exchange of gunfire, the remaining three suspects were said to have escaped with dangerous weapons through a bush paths. Attempts by the security men to trail the bandits failed.

However, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Abubakar, said the suspects were armed robbers, adding "they are not *Boko Haram* members, we will address the press later".

Don decries dearth of eye specialists in rural areas

From **Abiodun Fagbemi**, Ilorin

APROFESSOR of Ophthalmology at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIH), Olarongbe Mahmood, has alerted on the rising cases of blindness in the country, decrying the dearth of eye specialists in the rural areas.

Mahmood, at the weekend during the 101 Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, warned that unless governmental policies were tailored to suit the rural populace, especially in the area of social infrastructure, the negative health statistics would continue to hunt the nation and its people.