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Four killed in Bauchi stampede during cash distribution

From Rauf Oyewole, Bauchi

TRAGEDY struck in Bauchi yesterday when four people lost their lives at the distribution of cash gifts to less privileged people by a philanthropist and businessman along Bauchi-Jos Road.

It was gathered that the stampede happened at about 10:00 am on Sunday when the crowd, largely women and youths, gathered at the venue to collect the annual cash gifts usually given by the philanthropist. The crowd had gathered as early as 6:00am to queue. The incident occurred when the people who thronged the gate

scampered to collect the money ranging from N5,000 to N10,000.

The Bauchi Police Command said that four people lost their lives in the incident. But eyewitnesses said the number was more.

When *The Guardian* visited the Abubakar Tafawa

Balewa University Teaching Hospital, a 17-year-old girl, Naima Abdullahi, was receiving medical treatment. "She has been convulsing since she was brought to the Trauma Centre of the Hospital," the Public Relations Officer of the Hospital,

Usman Abdullahi Koli said. He said that the Hospital received some emergency cases but the number of people who died cannot be immediately ascertained. "Yes, some have died while some are currently receiving treatment," he said.

Ford, MacArthur Foundation, warn against scams in their names

SCAMMERS and other criminal elements seeking to swindle unsuspecting victims are now spreading their nets to international philanthropies. Using the name of non-governmental, not-for-profit organisations to defraud researchers, grant

The situation has necessitated the Ford Foundation and MacArthur Foundation to issue a joint statement to clarify their modus operandi. These organisations are committed to promoting transparency, accountability, and social change.

teries, ask for personal banking information from individuals, or ask grantees to pay insurance, deposits, or any delivery and administrative fees for grant funds. Such requests by fraudsters run contrary to the transparency, accountability, and social