

# One Dead, Others Wounded In Kano Money Market Robbery

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A scene typical of American Hollywood show was recorded in Kano State capital on Sunday when gun men raided the Kano money market in a day light robbery, killing one person and wounding several others.

The incident, which shocked residents of Fagge where the authorised black market is located, occurred at about 11 a.m. when the gunmen numbering about 11 and armed with sophisticated fire arms stormed the market after firing several warning shots to the air to scare passersby.

The gun men, who were said to have attacked 12 Bu-

reau De Change companies in the area and made away with undisclosed sums of money in both local and foreign denominations, came in two posh cars, KIA and BMW.

Eyewitnesses told *Daily Independent* that before raiding the money market, the gunmen started shooting indiscriminately during which a young man identified as Tijani Nasabo, an automobile mechanic, was hit by bullet and died on the spot.

Seven other victims, who were equally hit by stray bullet, are now on admission at the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital where doctors are

attending to them.

One of the victims, who demanded anonymity, said the police did little to save the situation, adding that despite the fact that the WAPA money market is located few metres away from Fagge police station, their presence was not felt throughout the operation that lasted for over two hours.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Baba Mohammed, when contacted said police had opened up investigations into the robbery incident, pointing out that as at press time, information was scanty on the incident.

The Chairman of the Alamanmat (Bureau De Change) Association, Alhaji

Musa, who spoke with *Daily Independent*, described the incident as unfortunate and made a case for improved security within the vicinity of the money market to forestall future occurrence.

The Governor, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau, visited the scene with some members of his executive council at 5 p.m. He was conducted round some of the Bureau De Change offices affected by the money market chairman, Alhaji Musa. The governor promised to take care of the hospital bills of the victims of the incident and prayed for the soul of the deceased, promising to help those who lost money and property during the raid.