

# Armed Robbers Kill Two In Kano

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Armed bandits again went on rampage in Kano at the weekend, raiding business premises and residential buildings from where they carted away properties which value is yet to be determined. The gunmen left two persons, a Police Inspector and a business man, dead in its trail. This brings to 10 the number of persons killed by suspected armed robbers in the state in the last two months.

Residents in some of parts of Sabon Gari, Nassarawa and Badawa quarters saw hell when the robbers struck in the areas within this Sallah season and this has sent panic across the commercial city.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Police, Tanko Lawal, confirmed the fresh attacks on Kano metropolis at the weekend, pointing out that two of his men were killed during the unfortunate incident. He identified the deceased inspector as Bello Hudu, adding that he was shot at his duty post at Country Super Market. The inspector, he revealed was killed when the gang opened fire on the police team.

A police rifle, AK 47, believed to have been stolen by gunmen when the Fagge Police Station was attacked some time ago, was recovered after the intruders fled the scene.

Other areas visited by the criminals included the house of one Ibrahim, owner of AG Motors at Badawa layout, who was shot by the gang, Con Oil and some residential buildings in Sabon Gari as well as the Al-Jazerra Supermarket in Gwamaja areas of the city.

To curtail the spate of robbery, the DC said his command had put in place a 'Stop and

Search' programme as part of the security measures in the city.

It would be recalled that about two months ago, the state was under siege by armed bandits whose activities left residents in the state with fear, shock and terror.

Kano residents, especially those in the state capital, knew no peace then following series of robbery operations in the commercial town by men of the under world, parading sophisticated weapons.

Report reaching *Sunday Independent* from various concerned groups, particularly in the Sabon Gari area populated by non-Muslims and non-natives indicated that no fewer than eight lives had been lost, including a Kano-based Indian national, Manogh Kotai.

He was shot and killed by suspected robbers who raided his Gumel road residence, when the gunmen moved to the high brow, **Bompai industrial estate** where a Lebanese was shot and brutally wounded in his residence on Yusuf road after his security guard was killed by the attackers. The Lebanese, Nabil, is lying critically ill in a hospital in Kano for bullet wounds sustained in the incident.

Robbery operation in the Sabon Gari area, two months ago allegedly left four people dead, three were gunned down by robbers on Middle road last week while another was killed in an operation on Abeokuta road. *Sunday Independent* can reveal that, there were also pockets of robbery attacks in areas like Zoo road, Brigade and Zaria road areas of the city at that period.

Apparently disturbed of the development, community leaders in Kano and the police authorities met to address the situation which they admitted calls for concern.