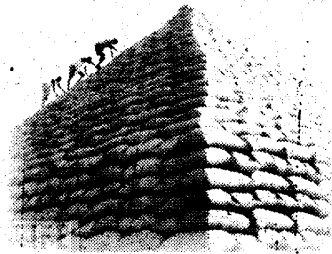


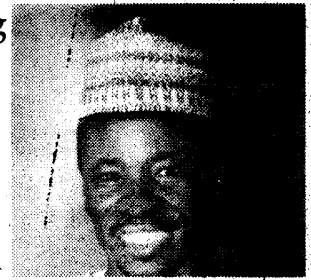
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Gowon, Danjuma aid girl-child education

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EIGHT hundred pairs of school sandals have been presented to pupils in four schools in Mikang council of Plateau State as part of the advocacy on girl-child education under the Yakubu Gowon Foundation, TY Danjuma Foundation and Mikang Local Government Council partnership on Girl-Child Life Education and Development (Girl Child L.E.A.D) and Community Learning Center Project.

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Gunmen raid Potiskum, kill three

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PEOPLE of Potiskum in Yobe State at the weekend witnessed another bloodbath as unknown gunmen struck in Potiskum.

At Potiskum main market, the hoodlums raided a provision shop (Ifeariyi Provision Shop) around 5.00pm and carted away unspecified amount of money.

The gunmen, suspected to be armed robbers, also killed two traders believed to be

Igbo in the process.

Eyewitness said, "We were all doing our normal businesses in our shops when we heard a sound gunshots; we quickly left our shops in fear of stray of bullets. We later discovered that the attackers ransacked the shop and carted away some amount of money and killed two Igbo traders."

Commissioner of Police, Yobe State Command, Lawal Tanko, confirmed the incident in a telephone conversation. He said, "Yes, there was

robbery attempt at Potiskum market. I spoke with my Area Commander, who said about two people died. I asked him to verify the exact number of casualties and get back to me immediately, you will get the full detail soon."

In another development, an Islamic Cleric, Malam Mustapha, was also shot dead at his residence near Texaco Filling Station, Potiskum town. It was gathered that the deceased was a renown Islamic preacher who led prayer in the area. One of his

neighbours narrated: "The attackers came to his House in the night of Saturday, broke the door and went straight to his bedroom, they asked him to give them money which he did not have; they shot him on chest and arm before running away. His neighbour tried taking him to the hospital but he was seriously bleeding and died." A concerned citizen, Musa Abdullahi, observed that business activities are gradually dying following the increasing wave of crime in the area.

He said, "Imagine our livestock market, which is the largest in West Africa, is becoming shadow of its old self; people have stopped coming to buy and sell from neighbouring towns. It has affected our economy."

"Vehicle users too are in trouble; if your car spoils you no longer get spare parts; you have to travel to neighbouring states to get spare parts; it is unfortunate. I wonder why some group of people cover under religion to perpetrate evil."