

One dead in Gusau road accident

• Four others injured

TWENTY of them were in the vehicle going to Kano from Zurmi in Zamfara State. As traders they frequent Kano to trade.

They were on their way there on Wednesday in a bus with registration numbers XA 961 KRA when they ran into a gang of robbers on the Kaura Namoda-Gusau road.

The robbers opened fire on them. Four of the traders were injured in the early morning attack. One of them later died at the Government Hospital, Kaura Namoda of bullet wounds.

Zamfara State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Lawal Abdullahi, an Assistant Superintendent said, on learning about the incident, the police immediately swung into action. But the hoodlums, he said, had gone before the police arrived.

According to him, valuable properties, including an undisclosed amount of money were carted away by

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the robbers. He said no arrest had been made, adding that the scene had been combed by the Police in search of the robbers.

But the escapade of another robbery suspect was cut short. The suspect was found with different masks and two locally made guns.

Also, a 200-level Sociology student of the Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto is also on the Po-

lice's wanted list for alleged car snatching.

The PPRO told *The Nation* that Ahmed Idris was arrested with Honda Civic 1992 model which, he said, the suspect admitted was stolen in Sokoto.

According to the PPRO, Ahmed Idris on interrogation confessed that he has been in the business of car snatching. He added that the suspect confessed snatching the car from Alhaji Sani Ahmed Takori, a member of the Federal House of Representatives, representing Bukkuyum/Gummi constituency.

Lawal said all the cases had been referred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Gusau as directed by the Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Hadi Zarewa.

To prevent crime, he said, the frequency of patrol had been intensified.

One killed in Lagos building collapse

By Kayode Aboyeji

ONE person was feared dead while three others were injured in Lagos yesterday as the balcony of the last floor of a six story shopping complex on 45/47 Martins Street, Lagos Island caved in.

The balcony of the building, which consists about 40 shops gave way at about 11 am while business activities were still going on. It is mainly occupied by traders.

The incident, which affected some other parts of the building, led to an abrupt end of business activities as the state government sealed off the building to guarantee the security of life.

The Nation gathered that the only person reported dead was transacting business on the ground floor when the balcony caved in.

Meanwhile, officials of the state Physical Planning and Development Authority (LASPHYDA) have mandated the traders to start parking out their wares from today.

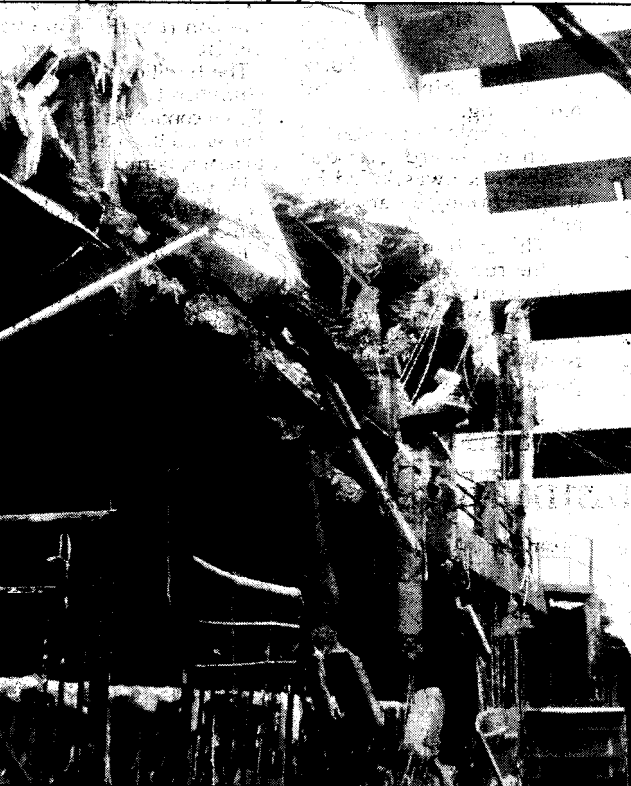


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"About 1,000 people registered to be attended to by the doctors and nurses were on

would not relent in ploughing back to the society.

He described the group as a people-friendly organisation committed to the welfare of the less privi-