

Gunmen kill one, injure four in Kano cattle market raid

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THREE gunmen yesterday stormed a cattle market in Wudil, about 40 kilometres south-east of the ancient city of Kano, killing one man and injuring four others.

The gunmen, who arrived the market on three motorbikes at about 9.45 am, opened fire to scare away hundreds of cattle merchants at the market, which is experiencing high volume of business in the build-up to the forthcoming *Eid-el-kabir*.

The gunmen, according to an eyewitness, went on the rampage, shooting sporadically before dispossessing the traders of various sums of money and other valuables.

The robbery incident was said to have thrown Wudil town into confusion, with many running helter skelter for dear lives.

The Kano State Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Idris, in a telephone chat with *The Nation*, confirmed the incident, saying three armed robbers on motorcycles invaded the cattle market on Friday morning and shot sporadically in the air, killing one person and injuring four others.

Idris said the prompt response of the police averted what would have been a mayhem, adding that "my men responded immediately and the robbers fled through a cemetery near the cattle market on sighting my men."

Calm has since returned to the cattle market and Wudil town. The robbery incident, *The Nation* gathered, was one of the many robbery operations recorded in Wudil town in recent times.