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Six feared dead as businessman gives alms in Kaduna

SIX people were said to have been killed and several injured in a stampede, which occurred when a Kaduna businessman gave *zakkat* (alms) to the needy in Kaduna yesterday.

The businessman, who is the managing director of Tosco Yoghurt, a dairy plant in Kaduna, with office at Kaduna Costain in Kaduna North Local Government, gave *zakkat* to many beggars, who later became uncontrollable.

From Abdulgafar Alabelewe,
Kaduna

When the situation degenerated, the police were said to have been invited to control the crowd.

A cripple, Bala Mohammed, said when they arrived at the venue, they

were told to line up and the women also formed their line.

He said when the businessman arrived to give out the *zakkat*, he first attended to the women and there was a stampede,

which resulted in the death of six persons.

A witness, Zanaib Mohammed, said her sister informed her that there would be sharing of *zakkat* at Tosco Yoghurt House and she

headed for the place. She said it was sad that her sister was one of the victims.

Another witness, Aisha Abubakar, said a woman and her baby were trampled on and they were injured and taken to hospital where they later died.

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At press time, Tosco Yoghurt House was besieged by the needy and the police were on ground to maintain law and order.

Some of the people, who spoke to our reporter, said they would not leave the place until they received their own N5,000, because they came from far places, such as Zaria and Rafin Gusa.

Attempt to speak to the businessman was abortive.

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