

# Death toll in Bauchi alms stampede hits seven

**D**EATH toll in the stampede at a Zakaat event in Bauchi State has increased to seven.

A stampede occurred about 10am at the Shafa Holdings Company Plc headquarters on Jos Road, on Sunday, during the distribution of the Zakaat items, distributed by a Bauchi-based philanthropist.

The distribution was said to have begun smoothly with beneficiaries, mostly women, called in groups to receive items, until restlessness among others led to a

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struggle to gain access to the premises.

Police spokesperson Ahmed Wakili, who gave an update of the situation, said two more women died at the Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (AT-BUTH) hospital, while the third woman died at home.

They are Aisha Usman (13); Sahura Abubakar (55); Aisha Ibrahim Abubakar (43) and Khadija Isah (8); Maryam Suleiman (20); Maryam Shuib (16) and Hassana Saidu (53).

## 65-year-old ex-convict arrested with drugs

**O**PERATIVES of National Drug Law and Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Osun State has arrested a 65-year-old grandfather, Dauda Lamidi, for hiding 1.550kg cannabis inside engine oil gallons.

It was gathered that Lamidi was arrested in Iwo, while heading to Ibadan, Oyo State. A statement by the Command's

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spokesperson, Charles Odigie, confirmed that Lamidi was convicted for the same offence in 2019.

"He was intercepted by our operatives on Saturday. He has dried cannabis which weighed 1.550kg inside two engine oil gallons."