

# Police, butchers clash in Mararaba

**BUSINESS** activities were paralysed on Monday following a clash between the police and butchers at Aso market, Mararaba, in the outskirts of Abuja.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the butchers were infuriated when a stray bullet hit one of their colleagues, Malam Mohammed Sani.

The police had gone to the abattoir, a section of the market on a raid, when there was an accidental discharge.

The Chairman of the market association, Alhaji Sadiu Ibrahim, said that the policemen were on special duty to arrest hemp smokers and other suspects in the abattoir.

He said that the butchers put up a resistance in order to stop the police from taking those arrested away and the action of the butchers led to the fracas.

During the scuffle, he said, there was an accidental discharge and the bullet hit one of the butchers in the stomach and a police officer.

He said that the affected butcher was on admission at Asokoro hospital and was responding to treatment.

The chairmen said that the association, the police and the butchers met later in the

day to discuss the issue and find a lasting solution to the problem to avoid similar occurrence in future.

He said there was a need for a comprehensive action to stop commercial activities at the old market since it had been acquired by government.

He said that as long as the market was in operation there would always be crisis at every move by law enforcement agents to ensure adequate security.

Ibrahim said that for the wellbeing of the butchers the government through the World Bank Assisted Project had put in place a modern well equipped abattoir at the market, adding that it would be put in use in January.

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**ELEVEN** legislators in Lagos, including the Speaker, Mr Adeyemi Ikuforiji, have won the state House of Assembly primaries of the Action Congress (AC).

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the legislators, including two women, had signified their intention to return to the House.

However, two out of the four sitting members of the House, who wanted to move up to the