

# Robbers raid Bureau de Change shops in Kaduna ...kill one, injure others

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**A**RMED robbers yesterday afternoon attacked operators of Bureau de Change in Club Road, beside Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna leaving seven persons seriously injured. Even a sources told *New Nigerian* that one of the

victims died on the spot.

The robbery which took place at 2.30pm lasted for 20 minutes with the armed robbers, numbering about 10 unleashing terror on the operators and passersby as they blocked all the major roads leading to the area.

An eyewitness who took cover in a storey building near the scene of the incident, Malam Musa Shehu told *New Nigerian* that the robbers who came in a jeep and one Toyota Celica, parked their cars a few metres away from the shops they raided and sent some of the gang numbers

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interruption with their operation.

*New Nigerian* also gathered that the robbers carted away a huge amount of money mostly in foreign currencies. As at the time of filing this report, the victims, could not ascertain the exact amount.

It was learnt that about 15 minutes into the robbery some policemen who were passing by attempted to intercept the thieves but noticing the sophisticated weapons in the armed robbers' possession, they took to their heels, a situation which led one of them leaving his gun behind and the robbers swiftly carried it and added to their arsenal.

Five of the victims who sustained various gun injuries

during and after the trade fair, were seen at Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital responding to treatment.

Confirming the incident, the Kaduna State Police Commissioner, Mr. Ernest Ibhaeze said men of the command had since been mobilized to comb all the major highways with a view to apprehending the culprits.

While appealing to the general public to support the command in its bid to protect their lives and properties, Mr. Ibhaeze expressed dismay over the way sympathizers stoned the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Gabasawa Police Station, who rushed to the scene to gather information that would assist the police to track down the perpetrators.