

One dies, five injured in Ramadan gifts stampede

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At least, one person has died while five others sustained injuries during a struggle by beggars to get Ramadan gifts from Katsina-based businessman (Dahiru Manga) in his house located at Kofa Kwaya area, Katsina, on Saturday evening.

Witnesses said the victims were trampled upon by others during the stampede.

It was further learnt that the beggars were always attended to by aides even if the man was not in the house.

Sources added that Saturday's incident was triggered by the overzealousness of some of the beggars who were not ready to wait for their turn before being attended to.

Security operatives cordoned off the premises of the house on Sunday because of the incident.

The spokesman for the Katsina Police Command, Gambo Isah, has yet to react to enquiries on the incident as of the time of filing this report as he neither picked calls nor made a reply to the SMS sent to him.

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A senior police officer, who pleaded for anonymity, however, confirmed the incident.

He said, "Yes, it's true but we have taken necessary precautions to avert a reoccurrence."

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