

Following the outbreak of violence in Kano, which resulted in the death of one Ismael Musa, Governor Abba Yusuf, slammed a 24-hour curfew on the city, as he blamed the riot on “enemies of progress.”

There were also curfews imposed on some LGAs in Yobe and Nasarawa states on Thursday.

“These disgruntled elements also looted property of innocent people as well as killed innocent people. By the power conferred on me as the chief security of the state, I declare a 24-hour curfew in the state,” he announced.

He directed the security operatives to ensure the effective enforcement of his order.

The governor said he received demands from the organisers of the peaceful protest which he promised to send to the president.

Musa was killed in Hotoro, Tarauni Local Government Area of the state.

The victim, a resident of Hotoro Danmarke, was confirmed dead by his brother, Mubarak, on Thursday.

It is unclear if he was among the protesters who trooped to the streets.

He has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

Another victim who was reportedly hit by a stray bullet was rushed to the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital for treatment.

The protest took a violent turn in the ancient city around 11.30am when suspected hoodlums broke into a food store located at Sarari Quarters, Dala LGA where they looted rice, flour, spaghetti and assorted food items.

The News Agency of Nigeria also reported that the Nigeria Communications Commission office in Kano was torched by hoodlums.

The newly constructed office was scheduled for inauguration next week.

A large number of youths, who were armed with dangerous weapons, also took over the major roads in Kano.

In the Hotoro area of Kano, all shops were closed while a filling station and a Rufaida shop were also set ablaze.

The state Police Command's spokesman, Abdullahi Kiyawa, confirmed that not less than 260 criminals were arrested via a statement.

“These individuals engaged in acts of violence, destruction, looting and causing harm to innocent civilians, resulting in the destruction of public and private properties.

“In a swift and efficient response to these criminal activities, a total of 269 suspects responsible for destructions, looting and instigating chaos under the guise of the nationwide hunger protest were arrested.

“Numerous cans of 25 litres of groundnut oil, large quantity of stationery, foodstuffs and other valuable property were recovered from the suspects. The suspects are currently cooling their feet at the Command's Criminal Investigation Department and thereafter they will be charged to court upon completion of investigation. More arrests and recoveries are in progress.”