

Seven killed, 11 injured in Yobe market robbery

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Dungus Abdulkarim

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The Yobe State Police Command says it has arrested a suspected bandit's kingpin in Ngalda, Fika Local Government Area of the state.

The arrest was in response to a robbery attack allegedly masterminded by the kingpin on Ngalda Market on Monday, which resulted in seven deaths and 11 injuries.

The command's Spokesman, SP Dungus Abdulkarim, who disclosed this in a statement in Damaturu on Tuesday, said a locally made pistol and three cartridges were recovered during the arrest.

"On January 20, 2025, at approximately 2100hrs, a group of six armed robbers attacked three shops at Ngalda Market.

"The incident resulted in seven fatalities and eleven injuries. The robbers made off with approximately N16,500,000," Abdulkarim said.

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The spokesman said irate youths in the area mobilised and neutralised three of the attackers, while three others fled with injuries.

He said victims and corpses were evacuated to the General Hospital, Fika, for medical treatment and autopsy respectively.

Abdulkarim said the state's Commissioner of Police, Garba Ahmed, had ordered an immediate investigation into the incident and called for calm.

“He tasked personnel to arrest fleeing syndicate members and urged the public to assist the command with credible information,” the spokesman said.