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No fewer than five people were confirmed dead while 24 sustained injuries in Jega Local Government Area of Kebbi State following a clash between the natives in the council area and the police.

Daily Sun gathered that trouble started when the natives of Jega came out on the streets on Sunday to protest an armed robbery attack which occurred last Saturday during which one Alhaji Garba Dan-Kane Jega, owner of Dan-Kane Trading Company was killed and about N40 million stolen from his shop.

An eyewitness and a native of the area, Alhaji Jafaru Arzika Jega, told Daily Sun that as a result of the exchange of gunfire by the police and the angry natives, five people died and 24 sustained injuries.

Arzika Jega added that the injured persons had been taken to Maiyama and Sir Yahaya Memorial hospitals for medical attention, while the five corpses had since been buried.

He also revealed that the natives were also protesting the action of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the local government area, Aliyu Yusuf.

When contacted, the state Commissioner of Police, Ishaku Barau, confirmed the incident but said the police did not kill anybody.

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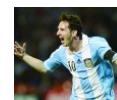
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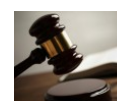
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