

# Robbers raid shop, shoot owner

**A**BUJA—THERE was pandemonium in Maraba, a nearby community to the FCT, early yesterday as a five-man robbery gang shot a shop owner and made away with his money and goods.

The robbers shot the shop owner in the chest but sym-

pathisers rushed him to a hospital.

A witness said the gang had driven to the shop and ordered the owner to let them in but shot him for refusing to comply.

"We were all going about our normal businesses when these people arrived with guns.

"We thought they were policemen but they started shooting and forced their way into the recharge card shop." They shot the man, who was reluctant to let them in, and took his money and a lot of recharge cards," the witness said.

Robberies have become a regular occurrence in Maraba, Nasarawa State, with filling stations, supermarkets and residential houses falling victims daily.

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ra-Leone, Niger Zimbabwe and Benin Republic."

On the roles of the Airforce in the nations' democracy, the Deputy Director Operations, told the visiting Chief of Staff of Niger Airforce "a cardinal responsibility of the Airforce in democratic governance is the provision of aid to the civil authority.