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TWENTY persons were said to have been killed as armed robbers stormed Ganye town in Adamawa State. Two of the victims were said to be policemen.

The armed robbers, numbering 20 went berserk, Saturday afternoon at the popular cattle market killing ten people on the spot and injuring many others.

But unofficial sources told Vanguard that the casualty figure can be more than 20, just as over 20 others received various degrees of gun shot injuries.

According to eyewitness, the bandits drove in two station wagon unmarked vehicles, adding that on arriving the market, the robbers disguised as prospective buyers of cattle only to discover where the chunk of money from the sales of animals are kept.

On discovering where proceeds are kept, the source said the robbers opened fire shooting indiscriminately into the air to scare away people.

The source continued that the market vigilante group were however alive to their responsibility as they confronted the rampaging hoodlums.

Our source, who claimed that he narrowly escaped being hit by the bullets, stated that it was at this juncture that the real drama commenced.

“The robbers have carried out an operation, they wanted to escape in their waiting vehicles and the entire market people despite the initial fears mobilized themselves to catch the fleeing dare devil robbers.

Indiscriminate shooting then engulfed the entire market and in a twinkle of an eye, scores of people were killed” the source narrated.

Even some concerned persons who attempted blocking the vehicles of the fleeing robbers were crushed to death while the robbers meandered their way through the market and escaped.

The Adamawa State police command has confirmed the robbery incident.

The spokes person of the command, Altine Daniel (ASP) confirmed to journalists on Sunday that about 11 persons lost their lives during the operations, among who were one police man and one armed robber.

The police image maker disclosed that the mobile hand set of the killed robber was found, saying that it will assist the police in tracking down the fleeing robbers and their accomplices.

She also disclosed that already, a detachment of the heavily armed police has been deployed in the place to comb the mountainous areas of Ganye and Toungo with the view of arresting the robbers.

The PPRO assured that the police were determined to comb the entire black spots in the area to ensure that the fleeing robbers were arrested and brought to book.

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Gov Fashola needs to be applauded for his evident keen sense of leadership reaponsibility. BOI and the Fed Govt should bury their heads in shame. That said, is there any need for all the 'big men' that came to witness the fall of a building? Our works commissioner and his team should be enough to handle this.

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