

# 5 killed in Adamawa as hoodlums loot govt, private warehouses for food items

• Gov Fintiri imposes 24 hrs curfew; 45 persons arrested

By Umar Yusuf

**YOLA**—NO fewer than five persons were feared killed yesterday in Adamawa State, as thousands of hoodlums invaded government and private warehouses in search of food and other items.

At least 45 persons were also arrested by security agents called in to restore normalcy as Governor Ahmadu Fintiri imposed a 24-hour curfew.

It was gathered that in what appeared like the #ENDSARS protest of 2020, hoodlums were said to have as early as 9:00am broken into the warehouses located at PZ and Kwanar Waya and carted away food items including rice, noodles, seasoning, palm oil etc.

Military, mobile police and other security operatives were mobilized to the warehouses and other areas to normalize the situation.

A resident of the area Jamilu Sani told Vanguard's reporter that the team of police and soldiers deployed to the area had successfully dispersed the hoodlums, saying "Mobile policemen and soldiers were drafted to disperse the mob. From where I'm I can hear sound of gunshots and the pungent smell of tear gas. From reports at our disposal, the combined team of police and soldiers has dispersed the crowd."

But in a swift reaction to the looting, Governor Fintiri in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Humwashi Wonosikou, imposed a 24 hour curfew on the state.

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the activities of hoodlums had assumed across the state capital as they attacked people with matches and broke into business premises and looted valuables.

According to the statement, "The Governor of Adamawa State, the Rt Hon Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri has declared a 24-hour curfew on the state, effective immediately Sunday 30th July, 2023.

"Governor Fintiri said the curfew followed the dangerous dimension the activities of hoodlums had assumed across the state capital as they attack people with matches

and break into business premises and homes carting away property. With the curfew imposed, there will be no movement throughout the state. Only those on essential duties with valid identification would be permitted to move around during the period of the curfew.

"The Governor is appealing to citizens and residents of the state to comply with the directive, adding that any person found contravening the order would be arrested and made to face the wrath of the law."

## Kano anti-graft agency probes alleged N4bn missing govt fund • Arrests 8 suspects, seizes warehouses, impounds vehicles

By Abdulmumin Murtala

**KANO**—THE Kano State Public Complaint and Anti Corruption Agency, PCACC, weekend said it had commenced investigation of missing government funds from Kano Agricultural Supply Company, KASCO, amounting to about N4billion.

The Chairman of the Commission Muhyi Magaji Rimingado disclosed this when he led a search team to a warehouse where cars and heavy duty vehicles allegedly bought with the said missing money were kept, informing that eight suspects have been arrested.

The warehouse is located at Kumbotso Local Government Area, LGA, of the state.

He said the funds were

mischievously transferred from KASCO to an association registered with the corporate affairs commission (name withheld), saying "The association was meant to promote and take care of the living standard of children of the less privileged people in the society, but unfortunately it has been turned into a machine stealing public funds.

"The funds belong to the Kano state government and were withdrawn from its coffers as a grant to KASCO but later siphoned using the registered corporate association and a company. We have arrested eight suspects and they are revealing credible information to the commission.

"One of them said he was given certain amount to make false submission at KASCO, but kept

Meanwhile, no fewer than 45 persons have been arrested by security operatives in connection with looting.

Adamawa State Police Command's Spokesman Suleiman Nguroje, who disclosed this, said more persons involved in looting were being rounded up as door-to-door search was ongoing.

According to him, security operatives would not leave any stone unturned until all the perpetrators were picked.

Though Nguroje could not confirm the casualty figure, sources said no fewer than five persons were killed in during the melee.

the money aside waiting for moments like this and he has returned the money.

"So far we've recovered the sum of N15 million and have succeeded in blocking about N80 million."

Rimingado said the commission was not satisfied with how some transactions were conducted between companies and some banks, stressing that some bank managers might be invited to clear some issues.

According to him, the commission would file the case to the appropriate court.

While appealing to the people of the state especially civil servants to forward valid information that would lead to the recovery of looted government properties, he assured that they would be protected.