

### **Businessman killed in Kebbi**

In Kebbi, a businessman lost his life in the protest in Yauri local government area, having been hit in his shop where he sold plastics.

An eyewitness, Malam Umar Yelwa, who confirmed the incident, said the protest became violent when protesters blocked the federal highway to traffic coming into Yauri town.

He said while marine police engaged the protesters to disperse them, they allegedly fired bullets at the protesters, one of which killed the innocent plastic dealer in his shop.

However, efforts to get the reaction of the police in the state at press time were unsuccessful as the police image maker, SP Nafiu Abubakar, didn't answer calls made to his line.

He also didn't reply text messages sent to his mobile phone.

The situation in the state capital, Birnin Kebbi, remained calm after the protracted protest in some parts of the state.