

Nigerian Islamic police in Kano arrest non-fasting Muslims during Ramadan

[BBC News, Kano](#): The Islamic police in Nigeria's northern state of Kano arrested 11 Muslims on Tuesday who were seen eating food during the Ramadan fast. Kano has a majority Muslim population, where an Islamic legal system – Sharia – operates alongside secular law.

The Islamic police, widely known as Hisbah, carry out searches of eateries and markets every year during Ramadan. The 10 men and one woman were released after swearing an oath that they would not purposely miss a fast again.

“We got 11 persons on Tuesday including a lady selling groundnuts who was seen eating from her wares and some persons alerted us,” Hisbah spokesman Lawal Fagge told the BBC. “The other 10 were men and were arrested across the city especially close to markets where a lot of activities happen.”

Regarding those who were arrested he said that they were freed after promising to start fasting from now on and “for some of them we had to see their relatives or guardians in order to have family monitor them”.