

Police officer shot dead weeks to retirement in Kano thugs clash

Tragedy has struck the Kano State Police Command as a veteran police officer, identified as Sani S.O., has been killed in a violent clash between rival youth gangs (popularly known as Yan Daba) in the ancient city.

The heartbreaking incident occurred just weeks before the officer was due to officially retire from the force after more than three decades of meritorious service.

The late officer, who was attached to the Hotoro Divisional Police Headquarters, met his untimely death while on active duty. Sources close to the deceased revealed that he was deployed alongside a team of officers to quell a fierce con-

frontation between rival thug groups in the area.

"He was working at the Hotoro Division and was deployed with others to disperse the thugs," a source who pleaded anonymity stated. "Unknown to him, some of them had a dane gun, which they used to shoot him."

Officer Sani was rushed to a nearby hospital immediately after the shooting, where medical personnel confirmed him dead.

The news of his death has thrown his immediate community and colleagues into deep mourning. Described as a disciplined, dedicated, and highly respected figure, locals lamented that he was cut down just as he was preparing to enjoy

his post-retirement life.

"He was a good person who contributed immensely to society, especially within his immediate environment," the source added. "He was just a few weeks away from retirement before he was killed."

This latest casualty highlights a worrisome and sharp resurgence of violent thuggery across various neighborhoods in Kano. Observers are already linking the spike in gang violence to political alignments and early maneuvering ahead of the upcoming 2027 general elections.

While hotspots like Fagge and Kurnar Asabe have historically dealt with these issues, the violence is rapidly spreading to areas previously considered relatively peaceful.