

# Police kill teenager in Zamfara

**T**ragedy struck on Saturday when a police officer killed a teenager amidst the eid-el-Kabir celebration in Zamfara state.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) (names withheld) in Gusau, Zamfara capital, is being detained for shooting to death the teenager in Kaura Namoda town.

The tragedy happened shortly after the eid-el-kabir prayer when a group of youths, while coming back home started to sing some political songs, which offended the other group as the song was against their party.

Soon a misunderstanding broke out between them, culminating in fighting which drew the attention of the police as it happened near the police station.

Instead of calming them through the use of teargas, according to the investigation by *Daily Trust*, the police officer hurriedly took a riffle and quickly fired two shots in the head of his victim, and instantly killing the youth.

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As a result of the killing, the whole town of Kaura Namoda broke into violence as people, both young and old, besieged the police station hunting for the ASP, who had disappeared.

This, according to our correspondent, who was in Kaura-Namoda town, angered the whole residents of the town, who subsequently took to streets and started burning all that they came across, including government buildings and some movable objects.

The police commissioner of the state, Alhaji Saleh Abubakar Ningi, who visited the devastated scenes, told *Daily Trust*, that what the happened was "very unfortunate".

Alhaji Ningi also stated that he was shocked to hear the news that a police officer has taken the law into his hands, "because this is against the rules and regulations of the police", he emphasized.

The police boss further disclosed that it is only under the force order of 237 that a police is allowed to use gun, and not a situation like this, which can easily be settled through the use of teargas.

He described the officer as inexperienced and unprofessional who only joined the service by opportunity to destroy the image of the police. He said the police will not allow it to happen again", he added.

Ningi who spoke through his public relation officer, ASP Lawal Abdullahi, explained that he ordered the CID to take over the investigation, "because this is a criminal offence and culpable homicide punishable by death".

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would win election.

Alhaji Attahiru Mohammed dissociated DPP from any form of malpractice in the on-going revalidation of voters' card, and said that all the claims made by the three parties were empty and unsubstantiated.

The three political parties earlier called a press conference to express their lack of confidence to the state police commissioner, AIG in charge of the zone and INEC resident electoral commissioner. The parties accused all of them of alleged collaboration to rig 2007 election.