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## 2 kids found dead in car

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The bodies of two boys aged 3 and 4 were yesterday found inside a car at Na'ibawar in Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State after they were declared missing Friday.

**T**he remains, which had started decomposing, were discovered yesterday morning.

The bodies of Musa Mukatar and Umar Khailfa, which witnesses said smelt badly as police evacuated them, were found locked up in the back seat of a Volkswagen Gulf car belonging to a businessman called Cyril Emehelu Chinedu of Na'ibawar.

The discovery had drawn the allegation of ritual intentions from sympathizers, while armed police have been deployed to the scene, apparently to forestall breakdown of law and order.

Parents of the dead kids disclosed that the children went missing Friday morning after taking their breakfast. They said in an effort to trace their whereabouts, reports had been filed at various police stations and announcements were made over local radio stations.

The bodies were extricated from the vehicle early yesterday by a detachment of policemen from Na'ibawa Division. Apart from its doors that were said to be locked, the vehicle according to witnesses, was covered with car cover.

The decaying bodies were found by a boy contracted by the car owner to wash the vehicle which he was to drive to the church that morning. The boy reportedly informed Emehelu, who in turn reported to the police.

The owner of the car has been taken into custody for further investigation, police disclosed in Kano yesterday, saying the corpses had been sent to hospital for autopsy to determine the actual cause of death.

Kano Police Command through its Public Relations Officer, SP Baba Mohammed Azare, told Daily Trust that Emehelu who lives close to the residences of the children, had warmed the car in the morning of the said Friday and covered it.

According to Azare, when the car washer informed Emehelu of what he discovered in the car, the Igbo businessman quickly reported the matter to the police.

But the PPRO said it is only when investigations were completed that the police would be able to say whether the children were deliberately trapped and killed in the car by the suspect or others.

When our reporters visited the scene of the incident, the bodies and the car had been taken to the State CID. However, armed police men and police patrol vehicles were seen patrolling the house of the suspect. Residents said the suspect is married with children.

The father of 4-year-old late Umar Khalifa, Mallam Talle, told Daily Trust that they would want to see justice done in the matter.

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