

Gang rivalry clash : One killed, two arrested in Katsina

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Clash between two opposing gangs 'Kauraye' in Sabuwar Unguwa area in Katsina metropolis has led to the death of one person identified as Baballe Abdulsalam while many others sustained various degrees of injuries.

It was learnt that the clash, which was aimed at showing 'supremacy and control of the area', has been going on for quite a long time and only resurfaced last week.

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Crime, the foster mother of the deceased, Malama Amina, said late Baballe, 18 years' old left home on that fateful day in bright mood only to be brought back as a corpse.

She said she was told that the deceased was accosted by members of a rival gang that engaged him in a fight before he was shot with a Dane gun in the chest.

According to her, as soon as he was shot, all those around took to their heels while members of the deceased's group went on retaliation before the arrival of the police in three

vans.

Meanwhile, the police said they have already arrested two persons in connection with the killing and have commenced investigation in the case.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Aminu Sadiq, said the deceased had been on the police wanted list with several complaints on him.

The police image maker said as soon as investigation into the case is concluded, they will charge all those culpable to court and that the command is taking measures to forestall further occurrence.

A resident of the area, Lawal Saidu, said thug-influenced activities have been on the increase in the area with several youth brandishing assorted weapons at the slightest provocation, describing the situation as worrisome.

He lamented that on several occasions, shops and houses have been attacked with valuables stolen as well as high sense of immorality perpetuated by thugs.

Saidu called for increased police surveillance in the area so as to drastically check the activities of the thugs.