

**A** STUDENT of the School of Medicine and Surgery Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Kabiru Audu, has been arrested by the police in Gombe for stabbing his brother, Aminu, to death.

Briefing the journalists on the incident, the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Gombe, ACP Salisu Fagge, said, the suspect has confessed to the crime and that he would be taken to court as soon as investigations into the matter is completed.

Fagge stated that, according to the reports they received, the suspect was annoyed when his younger brother, driving in their father's car, refused to stop and give him a lift to their house situated in BCGA, Gombe.

He added that Kabiru was reported to be annoyed with

his younger brother for refusing to pick him, went in search of a knife, tracked the deceased and stabbed him several times in the stomach to death.

*The Guardian* investigations revealed that, the two brothers were from different wives of the father, Dr. Audu, who runs a clinic called Arfa Clinic in the BCGA area of the state capital and that the elder brother might have been jealous of Aminu, who appeared to be closer to the father.

Kabiru, who is in his 20's, told *The Guardian* on Friday at the Gombe Police Area Command, where he was detained, that he stabbed his younger brother with a knife in the abdomen several times leading to his instant death.

In an emotion-laden voice,

the suspect said that he had regretted his action and pleaded for forgiveness from

## Community protests government panel on crisis

**A**S efforts are being made to resolve the communal crisis between Erin-Ile and Offa communities in Kwara State, one of the warring factions has expressed dismay at the way the state government is handling the matter.

In a statement entitled: "Averting another crisis between Erin-Ile and Offa communities" and signed by Jimoh Raji of Erin-Ile, the community claimed that although the Kwara State government has inaugurated a seven-man judicial commission of inquiry, some members of the panel are not

*From Auwal Ahmad, Gombe*

his father.

According to him: "I am not

*From Seun Adeoye, Osogbo*

acceptable to them.

According to him, it was clear from the onset that the odds were heavily stacked against Erin-Ile, and "we were unequivocal in expressing our misgivings, particularly, concerning the membership of the panel".

Raji noted that the protest was addressed to the state governor but no change was effected in the commission's membership as requested, "and neither was Erin-Ile dignified with a reply by the authorities dispelling our

happy with what I did. I attacked my brother with a knife. I don't know what to

say. I want my father to forgive me and consider what happened as an accident. I really regret my action."

fears".

Though the community presented necessary documents to back its claims, the failure of the commission's chairman to make available a cadastral map of Dr. Funsho Adaramola's boundary commission they alleged was a deliberate attempt to deny Erin-Ile people their right.

Besides, Raji also alleged the chairman of the commission, Justice Oluyemisi Ajayi only visited selective areas affected by the crisis

The directive by the state government that part of the portion of the land which

caused the trouble should not be used for the last *Eid-El-Fitr* prayer, according to Raji, was viewed as an attempt to restrain "us from our lawful heritage while Offa people continue to use our land with impunity".

"This directive, coming a few hours after Justice Ajayi submitted her commission's report sent a strong signal to us that the government already had an insight into the commission's report and that the commission had government backing in the way it handled the assignment", he stated.