

# Two Die, As Thugs Disrupt Borno ANPP's Primaries

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**A**BOUT 22 suspected political thugs have been arrested by the police in Borno State for allegedly using dangerous weapons during the primaries of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) in Gubio, Kaga and Maiduguri Metropolitan councils.

The violent clashes, according to the Police Commissioner Mohammed Abubakar, led to the death of two persons in Benishiekh and Gubio, 87 kilometres north of Maiduguri, the state capital.

The victims were indentified as Umar Abba Gubio, 28, and Aisami Kori, 32.

Parading the suspects at the police headquarters yesterday, the police chief said all the suspects were found in possession of dangerous weapons and substance believed to be Indian hemp. They allegedly targeted their political opponents and innocent citizens at the venue during the attacks.

He said the recovered weapons included two knives and daggers, traditional bullet proof jackets, guns, cutlasses and axes they used to hack down two persons.

He told *The Guardian* that all the suspects admitted their involvement in the murder of Gubio and Kori during the mayhem.

Abubakar said: "These suspects are to undergo thorough investigation and subsequently arraign before a court of competent jurisdiction for prosecution."

He appealed to the general public to cooperate with the police by providing useful information on criminals and their hideouts.