

Kano orders probe into death of students in Bichi

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Kano State Governor, Abba Kabir Yusuf

The Kano State government has ordered a full-scale investigation into the death of two students at the Government Boarding Secondary School, Bichi. The students, Hamza Idris-Tofawa and Umar Yusuf-Dungurawa, reportedly died after an attack by fellow students who allegedly used local metal objects known as ‘gwale-gwale’ in what was described as a form of punishment.

The Commissioner for Education, Ali Makoda, gave the directive for immediate and transparent investigation into the incident. Speaking through the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Bashir Baffa, the commissioner said the government would ensure justice.

“It is an unfortunate and tragic incident. Kano State government is committed to conducting a thorough, fair and transparent investigation to uncover the truth and ensure justice for all involved,” he said.

According to preliminary reports, the deceased students were punished by senior students for reportedly committing an offence, leading to their death. Muhammad, who visited the school on behalf of the ministry, cautioned the students against taking the law into their hands.

“You should avoid taking the law into your hands and always report matters of concern to the school authorities for appropriate action,” he warned. The commissioner extended condolences on behalf of the state government and prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

Also, the Director of Kano State Senior Secondary School Management Board, Abbas Abdullahi, described the incident as disturbing and urged the students to use their positions responsibly.

Meanwhile, a relative of one of the deceased students, Ibrahim Yusuf-Dungurawa, called on the government to ensure that justice and the perpetrators brought to book.

Similarly, Idris Garba-Tofawa, father of the second deceased student, said the family had accepted the tragedy as the will of God but pleaded with the authorities to prevent recurrence of such incident. The government has vowed to leave no stone unturned in its efforts to uncover the circumstances surrounding the tragic deaths.