

Crisis Averted In Jigawa As Traffic Wardens Beat Driver To Death

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THE TIMELY intervention of the Emir of Kazaure, Najeeb Hussaini Adamu, on Monday averted what could have been a bloody riot in Kazaure town in Jigawa State.

As part of his trouble shooting actions, the Emir temporarily relocated his palace to the residence of the Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in the town to ensure that the crisis does not turn to a religious violence.

Daily Independent gathered, followed alleged killing of a driver

by some traffic wardens.

Crisis was said to have started when some traffic wardens allegedly beat up a tractor driver for allegedly violating traffic rules, which led to his death.

Our correspondent learnt that on hearing of the driver's death, several youths took to the streets.

They allegedly headed for the Divisional Police headquarters to setting it ablaze, accusing the traffic wardens of extra judicial killing.

Sensing danger, the Emir was said to have quickly mobilised to the scene to avert the crisis.

Before his arrival, the mob had

torched a building suspected to belong to a police officer, which also harbours a church, a situation which caused panic among non Muslims in the town.

The Emir, it was gathered, went round the town, preaching peace and asking people to remain calm and law abiding.

He assured that people who encountered losses would be compensated, even as he promised that perpetrators of the crisis would be brought to book.

He said: "I briefed the governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido and His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, and they directed me

to channel their message of sympathy to you. They assured me that you will regain what you lost during the incident".

Adamu, however, charged residents of the area to live in peace with one another, as according to him, the Emirate Council, the government and the police would put heads together to bring the culprits to book, saying the crisis has nothing to do with religion.

Also speaking, Pastor Amade M.A. and Reverend Father Jerome Roger Iyoh condemned the crisis and called for thorough investigation over the matter.