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Tension in Kaduna, as unidentified corpse sparks violence in Kafanchan

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THERE was palpable fear and tension in Kaduna on Tuesday, as an unidentified corpse discovered behind the Emir of Jama'a's palace in Kafanchan, Jama'a Local Government area of the state, sparked a clash between the Christian and Muslim youths.

The corpse, which was discovered at Ungwan Katsit early Wednesday morning, *Daily Independent* gathered, ignited fear and shook the already fragile peace in the area.

This led to people running and scampering for safety,

thinking that crisis has broken out.

As news filtered in from Kafanchan, tension rose in the Kaduna metropolis, leading people to move with suspicion and fear that violence might break out anytime.

Security men, including soldiers on guard at specific places in the town and neighboring villages, were said to have initially taken to their heels only to resurface few minutes later to engage the rampaging youth, just as heavy gun shots were said to have rent the air.

The source also volunteered that roads leading to Kagoro and Kwoi towns from Kafan-

chan were heavily barricaded by the rioting youths, preventing people from coming in and going out of the crisis area.

Those that beat the early morning traffic and resumed in their offices after the Sallah break were said to have been trapped in their offices, just as the Emir's palace was said to have been heavily guarded by soldiers and policemen.

When contacted the Kaduna State Police Commissioner, Balah Nassarawa, said on phone: "I can't tell you anything now because we are still investigating the fact of the matter".

Daily Independent also learnt that youths set bonfire

on major streets in Kafanchan, smashing vehicles at sight, just as people were said to be scampering for safety.

It would be recalled that unknown gunmen attacked a church in Tabak village, near Zonkwa town in Zangon Kataf Local Government area of the state last Friday during a night vigil, killing three persons and injuring 15 others.

Following the tension, Governor Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa on Tuesday appealed to citizens of the state to remain calm.

A curfew was later in the day imposed on the troubled areas by the state government.

Three fake policemen nabbed in Akwa Ibom

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AKWA Ibom State. Police Command, in collaboration with some village youths, has arrested three men who have been posing as policemen in the state.

Briefing newsmen in his office in Uyo, state Commissioner of Police, Solomon Arase, gave the names of the arrested suspects as Ndifreke Nkereuwem, Samuel Efiang Okon and Aniedi Mfon John.

He disclosed that about a week ago, the trio, posing as policemen beat up and extorted money from one Asuquo Ekpeyong of Mbak Ikot Ebo village, near Uyo.

The commissioner said though investigation was still in progress, his men have re-