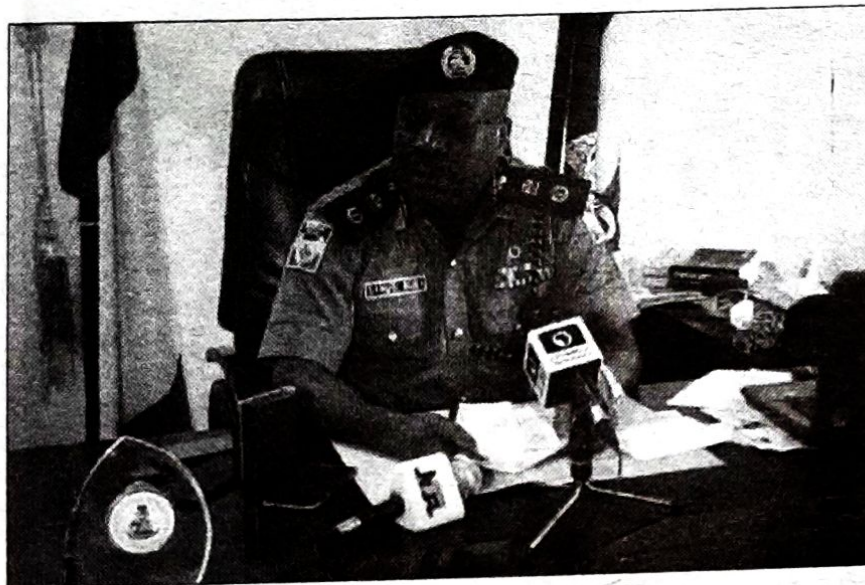


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*One Dead, Police Station, Vehicles Set Ablaze In Katsina



Sanusi Buba, Katsina State Police Commissioner.

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② Youths in their dozens at the weekend set ablaze the Divisional Police Station in Kusada Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The rampaging youths, who had overpowered the policemen on duty, were protesting the arrest of their leader, one Mallam Hassan, who was arrested by the police for flouting a government restriction order.

The youths also set fire on the DPO's residence, burnt seven cars and 10 motorcycles.

It would be recalled that Governor Aminu Masari had three days ago, gave a restriction order for the suspension of large gatherings as a way to check the spread of the dreaded Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Despite the directive, Mal-

lam Hassan went ahead to hold a prayer on Friday, which saw several of his followers in attendance.

The flouting of the order led the police to arrest him and take him to the Area Command Office in Malumfashi council area, for questioning.

The arrest, however, did not go down well with Hassan's followers and they decided to stage a protest on Saturday morning, which led to the riot.

The incident led to the mass movement of policemen to the area with a view to returning normalcy to the town, during which one person lost his life in the encounter.

SP Gambo Isah, the state Command Police Public Relations Officer, when contacted confirmed the incident, stressing that, 90 suspects have been arrested and investigations were going on.