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Kamba town, a border town to Niger and Benin Republic, in Dandi Local Government Area of Kebbi State, was thrown into turmoil in the early hours of today after the killing of about eight people allegedly by some policemen, with 24 others reportedly hospitalised as a result of injuries sustained during the fracas.

The crisis, according to eyewitness account, was triggered after a man suspected to be a ritualist suspected to have kidnapped a five year old girl a two weeks ago, was spotted in the town by some vigilant people who reportedly mobilised and arrested the man believed to be a Niger Republic citizen.

Reports claim that the man was later handed over to the police in the town, but the people, mainly the youths having recalled similar experience when alleged criminals from neighbouring countries after being apprehended by the vigilant group and handed over to the police but were later released by the police.

A large number of youths were said to have stormed the police station to demand that the suspect be made to face the full wrath of the law.

However, this action was said to have infuriated the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the station treated according to the law and not the other way round, who allegedly ordered his men to disperse the

Acting on this directive, the police allegedly shot into the crowd, which resulted into the death of eight people, while 24 others sustained serious injuries.

When The Nation visited Kamba General Hospital where the injured were receiving treatment, some of them were seen in their pool of blood, while a few others had their intestines in the open, even as another victim was shot at his private part.

The DPO, The Nation further gathered, has allegedly fled the town as a result of the incident.

When contacted, the new commissioner of Police of the state, Mr. Ishaku Baura who assumed duties last week, declined comment. Efforts to reach the Police spokesman also proved abortive, as he has been transferred out of the state., while a new PPRO is yet to be appointed.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the local government, Alhaji Umar Yakubu Kamba, has appealed for calm, while assuring that the crisis would be brought under control as soon as possible.





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