

our reporter on phone that the casualties had not been identified yesterday.

control, adding that the residents should report suspected movements to the

porter that the herdsmen, armed with weapons, stormed the villages when

As of last night, Gbudu said eight bodies were recovered.

## Policeman arrested for shooting pupil in Kano

**A** POLICE corporal attached to the Filling Hockey Division in Kano State, Abdul Yahaya, has allegedly killed a 20-year-old pupil of the Government Secondary School at Gyadi Gyadi in Tarauni Local Government Area of Kano State, Yassar Muhammadu Rabi.

Police authorities said he had been arrested.

It was learnt that the pupil was killed in Yar'Azara at 8 pm on Friday.

The incident, it was learnt, happened when policemen on patrol tried to

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disperse a group of suspected thugs.

Addressing reporters yesterday, the deceased's grandfather Abdullahi Mohammed said Rabi was watching the disagreement between the policemen and the thugs when he was killed.

Pa Mohammed said: "My grandson went to watch what was happening between the policemen and the thugs when a policeman shot him four times."

The old man said his

grandson was the only person shot, adding that police authorities should ensure that the trigger-happy policeman is prosecuted.

Police spokesperson Magaji Musa Majia, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), confirmed the report.

He said the policeman had been detained to ascertain if he violated the Force's Order 237 on the use of firearms.

Majia said: "The boy was shot during a routine raid on black spots by our men from the Filling Hockey Divi-

sion. At the old Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) secretariat on Court Road, where thugs usually attack women and snatch their valuables, thugs smoking Indian hemp started pelting the policemen harmful objects. That was why the policemen started shooting. In the process, Corporal Abdul Yahaya, shot the boy."

The spokesman said the police recovered three knives and 23 wraps of Indian hemp.

He added that the police was investigating the shooting.