

## 300 children die of lead poisoning in Zamfara

**T**HE Emir of Bukkuyum in Zamfara, Alhaji Muhammadu Usman, has said that over 300 children died as a result of lead poisoning at Yar-Galma village of Bukkuyum Local Government Area of the state.

The emir made the disclosure on Friday at Yar-Galma during the inauguration of a solar-powered borehole, drilled by the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation (SABMF).

Usman commended the foundation for initiating the project.

The traditional, who ruler lamented that lead poisoning had adversely affected several communities in the area appealed to government and other NGOs to emulate the foundation.

The Chairman of the foundation, retired Justice Mamman Nasir, said the project was pro-

vided through the foundation's Health Intervention Programme.

Nasir further said it was designed to provide safe and potable water free from lead poison and other dissolved metallic contaminants in the

community.

Malam Umar Shuaibu, told reporters after the ceremony, that he lost his five year-old daughter to lead poison two years ago.

Shuaibu said the project would go a long way in saving

many lives in the community.

Lead is a naturally occurring element found in small amounts in the earth's crust and has some beneficial uses but can also be toxic to humans and animals, thus causing health effects.

## Police urge hospitals to treat patients with suspicious wounds

**T**HE Police Command in Gombe State has appealed to government hospitals, private hospitals and clinics to treat patients brought to them with suspicious injuries before reporting to police for investigation.

The command made the call in a statement signed by its Public Relations Officer, DSP Obed Malum, and issued on Friday in Bauchi.

It also advised them not to

reject such cases for lack of police report.

It, however, added that such cases should be promptly reported to the police for thorough investigation while treatment continued.

"The essence is to save lives first before any relevant action is taken," the command said.

It urged the public to inform the police and any other security agency, persons

found with suspicious injuries, including gunshot wounds, and assured of the informant's safety and security.

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