

Bauchi governor shuts down school over toddler's murder



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[Bauchi State Governor Bala Mohammed](#) yesterday ordered the immediate closure of a school where a toddler, Mohammed Abidin Musa, was reportedly killed by suspected ritualists.

The Nation reports that Musa's corpse was found in the school, with some of his vital organs removed.

Details of the incident were still sketchy as of press time.

The governor, who gave the order when he paid a condolence visit to the victim's family in Gidan Bare-Bari, was accompanied by the State Commissioner of Police, Awal Musa Mohamed and personnel of the Department of State Services (DSS).

While sympathizing with the family, Mohammed called on parents to be watchful of the movements of their wards.

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He also ordered security agencies in the state to intensify efforts to arrest the perpetrators.

In another development, the governor declared that security was going to be the top priority of his administration in his second tenure.

Mohammed spoke at the opening of the inaugural State Executive Council meeting held at the Government House.

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According to him, community engagement will be the key to the fight against insecurity in the state.

He lamented that Bauchi being the gateway to about seven states in the Northeast sub-region has been at the receiving end of kidnapping, banditry as a result of porous borders.

“Certainly, what is happening in other states is negatively impacting us. We are a gateway to about seven states, to all the three sub-regions in the North.

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“And so everything in the country is passing through Bauchi, so definitely, we will be at the receiving end.

“So, it is going to be security, security, and security. With that population and migration, demographics are not in our favour, so our services and infrastructure have been overstretched.

“Most of our towns and cities are not connected either with electricity or roads and so on,” Mohammed said.