

Kano mob kills *almajiri* who beheaded six-year-old

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THE police command in Kano State has launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the alleged beheading of a minor, Mohammed Saidu, by an *almajiri* at Kanwa village, Madobi Local Government Area.

Kano police commissioner Usaini Gumel, on disclosed yesterday that the six-year-old Saidu was allegedly killed by the 16-year-old *almajiri* identified as Abdullahi.

Gumel said the alleged killer, who hails from Zamfara, was seen at Kanwa village holding a blood-stained knife.

The remains of the victim were recovered and moved to the hospital for examination and was later released to his relatives for burial.

Upon a search, the police said the headless body of Saidu was found in a nearby primary school.

Gumel said the suspect was then taken to the house of the village head to prevent him from being lynched.

However, angry residents overwhelmed the village head and mobbed the teenager.

The Kano police chief said when cops arrived, the suspect confessed to the crime, saying he dumped the head of the victim in a pit toilet adjacent the primary school.

He said the suspect was taken to the Kwankwaso Cottage Hospital but died while receiving treatment.