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A police officer (name withheld), with the Kano State Police Command has allegedly shot dead a 10- year-old girl at Kwani mani, in Bichi Local Government Area of the state.

The officer also allegedly shot a woman on her cheek and another in her stomach.

According to an eyewitness, the incidents occurred at a place called Kwani Mani, a well-known police checkpoint in Bichi Local Government Area of Kano State.

He said Mallam Inusa Imamu Mainasara is a father to a woman shot in her stomach by the police officer.

The source disclosed that the 10-year-old girl accompanied relatives for a visit in a small village called Yana and on their way to Kano on Sunday, the ugly incident occurred.

Mainasara said he saw his daughter, Amira Imamu, on Tuesday, at the Murtala Muhammad Hospital, Kano with her intestines out, while medical personnel at the hospital were battling to save her life.

According to him, his daughter was unlucky to be the victim of the heinous act committed by the police officer, because "if not for her persistence to be part of the visiting team, she would not have been a victim."

"It was ironical that the police officer who was supposed to have protected human beings was the one killing people," he said.

Mallam Mustapha Falalu, said to be a close associate of Mallam Sagiru, husband to the woman shot on her cheek, said his family left Yana, in Chiranchi Local Government Area of Katsina to Kano on that fateful Sunday.

"My friend's wife, among other wives and children boarded a car and having come across police checkpoint at Kwanar Mani, they were asked to park.

"To their dismay, they only heard a gunshot and bullets hitting some of them inside the vehicle," he narrated.

Falalu further stated that after the police shooting, the police officer who fired the shot retired back into their patrol vehicle and watched the victims groan in pains.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Magaji Musa Majiya, confirmed the incident. He said the incident occurred at a checkpoint.

The vehicle, when ordered to stop for check, refused.

However, the policeman shot and a girl lost her life in the process. Two other people who sustained injuries were taken to hospital by the police, while the police officer was disarmed and put inside cell.

Investigations continue into the matter, as the police sympathised with affected families.

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