

and the use of more productive seeds.

In his remarks, the state-

citizens.

He said that China was keen to work with Nigeria

had pledged 60 billion dollars of new development aid to African countries.

Youths vandalise VIO office in Kaduna over death of black marketer

•VIO denies allegation

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UNIDENTIFIED youths, on Saturday, invaded and vandalised the headquarters of the Vehicle Inspection Office (VIO) in Kaduna, Kaduna State, accusing the agency of masterminding the death of a teenage black marketer.

However, the management of the agency maintained that it was not responsible for the death of the black marketer.

Speaking in an interview on Saturday, the Deputy Director Operations, Alh Abdullahi Sambo, remarked that "Around 9a.m today (Saturday), someone called me and

told me that our office had been vandalised.

"I rushed to the office only to discover that about three trucks of 'Operaton Yaki'(security men) were already in our office.

Sambo added that he went round to inspect the offices, only to find out that all the windows and doors, as well as two operational vehicles, had been destroyed, making him to report the case to the police.

He added: "We want to say that our boys were not responsible for the death of the teenage black marketer."

Narrating what he said actually happened, Sambo stated that a vehicle

owner had stopped at a nearby filling station to see whether he could get fuel, and the deceased black-marketer rushed to him to ask whether he wanted to buy fuel.

"However, the man said no and as soon as the boy was returning back to his shed, a car came from behind and hit the stationed vehicle.

'Before you know what was happening, the two vehicles burst into flames and the teenage boy died on the spot.

"This is what we know. None of our officers was at the scene. So, for any one to think we are responsible is just unfortunate," he declared.

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