

Police confirm 15 dead in Kano mosque attack

THE Police Command in Kano State on Friday confirmed the death of 15 persons in the mosque attack in Gadan village in Gezawa Local Government Area of the state.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that a man on Wednesday sprayed the mosque with petrol, locked its doors and set it on fire, trapping worshippers.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Usaini Gumel, told NAN in a telephone interview that so far 15 out of the 24 victims of the incident died.

Initial reports said one worshipper had died from the attack but the death toll later rose after more victims died while receiving

treatment at the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital in Kano.

Gumel said that the incident occurred during a dawn prayer at a mosque in Gadan village, leaving 24 worshippers injured.

He said the injured victims were currently receiving treatment at the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, Kano.

NAN reports that the suspect, Shafi'u Abubakar, 38 is currently in police custody.

The motive behind the attack was said to be a family conflict over the sharing of family inheritance.

The commissioner said that the police were continuing with their investigation into the attack.