Two suspects arrested for killing boy in Kebbi

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The Kebbi State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of Muhammad Sani, also known as Kado, and one other suspect in connection with the tragic shooting incident that claimed the life of a nine-year-old boy and left a seven-year-old critically injured.

The incident occurred on January 14, 2025, during a wedding celebration in Unguwar Magaji, Koko/Besse Local Government Area.

According to the police, the suspects allegedly fired shots during a cultural display at the residence of Bala Manu. The shots struck two young boys, Al'amin Garba and Bello Shehu, both residents of the area. Al'amin was hit in the ribs, while Bello sustained a head injury.

"Upon receiving the report, officers from the Divisional Police Headquarters in Besse quickly responded, apprehending the suspects at the scene and recovering a firearm believed to be the weapon used.

"The victims were rushed to the General Hospital, Koko, where a medical doctor pronounced Al'amin dead. Bello remains hospitalised and is receiving treatment for his injuries."

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Reacting to the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Kebbi State Command, CP Bello M. Sani, expressed deep regret and condemned the act.

He urged residents in possession of firearms, regardless of type, to surrender them to the nearest police station to ensure public safety and prevent further tragedies.

The CP has also instructed the Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department, to expedite the investigation and prosecution of the suspects.

The Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Nafiu Abubakar, assured the public that justice would be served and emphasised the importance of community cooperation in addressing the illegal possession of firearms.

The Kebbi State Police Command reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding lives and property while calling on residents to assist in creating a safer environment.