

Kano cop dies of accidental discharge

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A police inspector, Aminu Ibrahim, attached to the Kano State Command, has died after he was hit by a bullet from his rifle in the Hotoro area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a police source that the incident occurred on Saturday.

According to the source, Ibrahim was on duty with a company he was attached to when the tragedy struck.

“Inspector Ibrahim was attached to a company in Hotoro, and he was on duty on Saturday when the incident happened. Staff members of the company said he had gone to the toilet and, in the process of squatting, the rifle he was holding accidentally discharged a bullet in his bowels, and he died on the spot,” the source disclosed.

The police source added that the sound of the gunshots attracted the staff members of the company, who found the officer lying motionless on the ground.

Meanwhile, a security expert, Zagazola Makama, in a post on X on Sunday, stated that the rifle, with registration number GT 4177, was later recovered in a cocked position with one empty shell.

“The rifle, with registration number GT 4177, was recovered cocked and unsafe, alongside an empty shell. Twenty-nine rounds of ammunition were accounted for against the 30 earlier issued to him,” he stated

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He added that the victim was rushed to the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor on duty.

“His corpse has been deposited at the hospital’s mortuary for autopsy,” he added.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the Kano State Police Command, Haruna Abdulahi, said the incident and other reports in the state would be addressed during a press briefing on Monday.

He said, “I can’t give you details on it now. The CP will address a press briefing tomorrow where the incident and other activities in the state will be made known.”

There have been repeated calls by security stakeholders and experts for regular retraining of operatives on firearm safety and handling to prevent such avoidable deaths.

PUNCH Metro reported in August that a 10-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed his father, a Police Inspector, identified as Okolie Amechi, with the officer’s service AK-47 rifle in Awka, Anambra State.

The boy was said to be fondling the AK-47 rifle assigned to the police officer when he mistakenly pulled the trigger, and the bullet struck the officer on the back and also hit his sibling on the hand.