

•Kebbi State Governor, Atiku Bagudu (right), consoling a patient at Sir Yahaya Memorial Hospital during his official inspection of the hospital in Birnin Kebbi, yesterday. Photo: NAN

# Policeman lynched in Gombe for shooting man to death

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Gombe

**A**n angry mob in Gombe, Gombe State capital yesterday stoned a 38-year-old mobile policeman to death for allegedly killing a resident.

Daily Sun learnt that the mob carried out the jungle justice on the policeman following an allegation that he shot a 37-year-old man identified as Mala Gana of Tudun-wada quarters in Gombe.

An eyewitness, who plead-

ed anonymity, told Daily Sun that the policeman was riding a motorcycle when his path crossed with Gana, who was driving a tricycle popularly known as Keke NAPEP.

It was learnt that on reaching ABM junction on Tudun/Wada Street in Gombe, the policeman allegedly refused to wait for the incoming tricycle driver, forcing the tricycle driver to hit his motorcycle.

Checks by Daily Sun revealed that after the accident, an argument ensued between the policeman and Gana.

The policeman, according to the source, became livid, saying some passersby pleaded with the policeman and the tricycle driver to let go, but their pleas fell on deaf ears.

"Suddenly, the policeman pulled the trigger of a gun in his possession killing Gana instantly. When he saw that Gana was dead, he ran towards the palace of Emir of Gombe in a bid to escape, but the mob caught up with him and lynched him," the source said.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Fwaji Atajiri, said

the policeman did not deliberately shoot the victim, adding that the accident was due to accidental discharge, which occurred when the mob attacked the policeman.

Atajiri, a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), disclosed that if the policeman were not proactive he would have killed many people.

Describing the situation as unfortunate, Atajiri said the command had commenced investigation into the matter and urged members of the public to stop taking law into their hands.

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