

• Officers of Lagos State Rapid Response Squad (RRS) arresting a commercial motorcyclist on Ikorodu Road in Lagos recently.

# 10 killed in Zamfara

## *As youths clash with Customs officers in Kebbi*

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**TEN** persons were reportedly killed while four others sustained varying degree of injuries, when a gang of bandits invaded Darawa village in Zamfara State.

Reports said the gang stormed the village, located in Shinkafi Local Government Area of the state at about 11.p.m, yesterday, killing and maiming as the villagers scamped in various directions.

The identities of those who lost their lives

and the injured could not be obtained by our correspondent as at the time of filing this report.

A combined team of anti-riot policemen and the military drafted to the scene, following a distress call were said to have shot dead one of the bandits and prevented further casualties.

It could also not be ascertained if the gunmen were Fulani herdsmen, but an unspecified number of animals were said to have been recovered from the area.

The development came just as youths in Gezah village, Danji Local

Government Area of Kebbi State, clashed with a team of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) operatives on stop-and-search exercise close to their village.

Sources said the angry youths, were protesting the alleged shooting of one of their colleagues, Nasiru Musa Gezah, by the Customs operatives, in an attempt to stop him from crossing over into the country with a car suspected to have been smuggled from neighbouring Niger Republic.

The shooting reportedly triggered a violent reaction by the youths, who sacked

the Customs operatives from their checking point, setting ablaze a temporary shelter used by the officers and two private cars belonging to them.

A team of policemen were later drafted to the scene to stop further destruction of property and restore normalcy. Reports indicated that the policemen, rushed the gunshot victim to a General Hospital at Kamba, Kebbi State, for treatment.

Reliable police sources in Zamfara and Kebbi States, who do not want their names mentioned, confirmed the incidents.

# 3 burnt to death in fuel-laden bus