

• Suspected robbers arrested by the Lagos State Police Command.

# Tragedy: 4 kids suffocate inside parked vehicle

From **Desmond Mgboh**, Kano

**FOUR** kids died of suffocation in a suburb of Kano, Kano State, after they were found trapped inside a parked vehicle.

The tragedy happened at the weekend.

A Deputy Director of Kano State Fire Service, who was part of the rescue team told Daily Sun that the kids were found unconscious inside the vehicle which was parked in Geidam area of the state capital, but died later after they were rushed to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital.

He said the four children, all boys, had been missing from their respective homes since the morning of the fateful day but were eventually found trapped inside the parked vehicle at about 5.00pm.

Witnesses said that the

temperature, which had been very high in the state capital in the last few weeks, contributed to the suffocation of the kids.

Kano State Police spokesman, DSP Magaji Majiya, confirmed the incident and the matter was

reported to the police by the owner of the vehicle.

According to him, the said vehicle was parked by its owner after it developed a battery fault, saying the owner returned later in the day to fix the battery only to find the

kids trapped inside his car.

It is believed that the four victims, who were aged between three to five years, might have entered the parked vehicle at their volition but were unable to open the vehicle due to their age.

The Police however said they were investigating the incident.

## Man kills toddler, says 'my target was dog'

From **Murphy Ganagana**, Jos

**TRAGEDY** struck on Sunday at Garuba Chede village, in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State, as a middle aged man shot dead a four-year-old boy.

The incident which momentarily rocked the tranquility of the area occurred at about 8.am, when most of the predominantly Christian residents were preparing for the

morning church services.

Ironically, the toddler whose name could not be ascertained at press time, was reportedly killed at the residence of his father, Mr. Danlami Dandar.

However, *Daily Sun* learnt that Sunday Abah, the suspect, who allegedly pulled the trigger at the little boy had admitted to committing the act with a Dane gun, but claimed his target was a dog which he had been instructed to kill by the owner.

"I was attempting to kill a dog which the owner asked me to kill; it was in the process that

I shot at the little boy in error," he reportedly told the police at Bali Division, where the deceased's father lodged a complaint about five hours after the incident occurred.

The suspect, according to reports, has been transferred to the Taraba State police Criminal Investigation Department, where he is being quizzed by homicide detectives.

Police spokesman for the command, DSP Joseph Kwaji, said he had not been briefed on the incident yesterday, but promised to avail our correspondent as events unfold.