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The Police however said they were investigating the incident.

Man kills toddler, says 'my target was dog'

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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.