In a related development, tragedy struck earlier the same day, when an argument ensued among some teenagers playing football in Gombe, capital of Gombe State, where a 15-year-old boy, Isah Mohammed, was alleged killed by his mate.

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The victim was said to have been stabbed in the chest with a sharp object by Usman, 14, and died shortly after he was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Gombe.

Police spokesman for the state command, ASP Moses Yamu, said through an SMS that he was at a meeting when contacted over the arrest of the couple, but a senior officer who pleaded anonymity confirmed the Gombe incident.