

'Madman' kills two pupils, injures teacher, girl in Borno

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A 'madman,' Gaji Adamu, yesterday killed two male pupils with machete at Jafi Primary School, Kwaya Kusar in Kwaya Local Government Area of Borno State. Adamu also reportedly injured a teacher and a female pupil when he invaded the school. This came as one person was killed during a protest in Kebbi State. The Borno State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Victor Isuku, confirmed the incident.

He said: "Today Thursday 30/11/17 about 0930 hours, one Gaji Adamu 'male' of Lube village of Kwaya LGA, suspected to be of unsound mind, armed with a machete, entered into Jafi Primary School, Kwaya Kusar town and killed two male pupils with machete.

A teacher and a female pupil were also wounded in the attack. "As a result of the attack, some irate youths mobbed the suspect, who is now unconscious and admitted in hospital under protective custody." Isuku said the bodies of the victims had been deposited at the morgue of the Gombe General Hospital while the injured were rushed to the same hospital for medical attention.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Damian A. Chukwu, has directed the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Kwaya Kusar Division to transfer the suspect to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) for a discreet investigation as well as to determine the mental state of the suspect. Meanwhile, one person was reportedly killed during a pro-test by the staff of Kalgo Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

The workers were protesting the inability of the local government to pay in full their salaries in the last couple of months. A witness, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, at the council secretariat, said the

local government worker was hit in the head by a stone thrown by one of the protesters.

“The man was rushed to the hospital after he sustained an injury in the head. He later gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital.” Also, one of the protesters, Usman Mohd, said that his salary was N30,000 but he was paid N5,000 monthly.

He said: “All most 80 per cent of staff are facing the same problem. We want the government to take action or the workers will take a drastic action. He (the local government chairman) should be removed; we don’t want him again.” It was learnt that the chairman, who was sworn in about four months ago, has been having a running battle.

The state Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Kabir, confirmed the protest to journalists at the local government secretariat. Kabir, however, denied the report that a local government employee died during the protest. He said: “My men have put everything in order. Things are calm. As you can see, no life was lost.”