

# Alleged Killing Sparks off Tension in Kafanchan

**K**afanchan, the headquarters of Jama'a local government area of Kaduna State, almost erupted in violence again yesterday, following the alleged killing of a man said to have spearheaded the killings and destructions in the area during the April post-election violence.

Sources in Kafanchan said trouble started when the corpse of the man was found near a dustbin at Kasit Street, along Jaba road.

It was learnt that the deceased and four others, accused by youths of masterminding the post-election violence in the area, had disappeared from Kafanchan after the incident only for him to re-appear again.

The sudden appearance of the man was said to have fuelled speculations that he was planning another attack on Christians.

The military men deployed for security in the area were said to have made some arrests in connection with the killing and had appealed to the Hausa youths, who were mobilising for a showdown, that the matter would be investigated and the perpetra-

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tors brought to book.

However, the Hausa youths were said to have insisted on revenge as they claimed that justice might not be done in the matter. This led to serious tension in the area as residents quickly closed shops and headed for their homes for safety.

It was learnt that it took the combined efforts of the army and the police in the area to control the situation from being bloody.

Although no further casualty had been reported in the area, **THISDAY** learnt that local authorities had imposed a 'a dusk to dawn curfew' to check the situation from snow-balling into full-scale war. When contacted, the spokesman of the state Police Command, Aminu Lawan (DSP), said he was not in a position to confirm the incident as he was still making efforts to find out what happened.

"As I am talking to you, I am trying to investigate what happened. I will let you know whenever I find out what happened," Lawan said on telephone.