

# 2 die, 15 injured in communal clash

**DAMATURU**— TWO persons have been reported killed and 15 others injured during a communal conflict in Ligdir village, Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the crisis erupted when two groups clashed on Wednesday in the village.

It all began between two persons, when one of them who was on transit, insisted to spend a night there but was resisted by a neighbour.

The man was reportedly shot by the neighbour with an arrow, resulting to his death.

It was gathered that the relations of the deceased later mobilised the youths and went there to retaliate and in the ensuing fight, the suspect died.

Eye witnesses also told NAN that farmlands and other personal belongings were destroyed.

Police Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Paddah, confirmed the incident to NAN, saying that 11 of the

injured persons were admitted at the Gujba General Hospital.

Paddah also said four others were transferred to Damaturu Specialist Hospital.

The PPRO said that no arrest was made but that the police had intensified patrol and investigation in the area to arrest all those involved.

He called on the people to co-operate with law enforcement agents to enhance the maintenance of law and protection of lives and property.

"The public should always provide the police with useful and timely information for

the maintenance of law and order," Paddah said.

In another development, bandits have attacked firewood peddlers in a dispute over kolanut and cigarette in Dapchi Local Government Area.

The bandits reportedly met the peddlers in the bush and demanded for cigarette and kolanut but could not get the items.

The report said the bandits went wild and used machetes to inflict injuries on the peddlers, who are now receiving treatment at the Damaturu Specialist Hospital.

## Islamic sect denies attack on Kano Governor

By AbdulSalam Muhammad

**KANO**— AN Islamic sect in Kano, Qadiriyya Movement of Nigeria has distanced its self from an alleged attack on Governor Ibrahim Shekarau at the Emir's palace during the closing ceremony of Ramadan Lecture at the weekend.

The leader of the sect, Sheikh Qaribullah Nasiru Kabara in a special announcement on both Radio and Television blamed the attack on hoodlums who are hell bent on causing disaffection in the state.

Qaribullah Nasiru Kabara noted that the attack on the Governor was a careful design to dent the image of the Qadiriyya, stressing that "our members had no hand on the attacks, and 'we condemned in a strong term such brazen act of indiscipline as its contradict the teaching of our sect'".

Sheikh Qaribullah stated that there is pleasant relationship between the Qadiriyya move-

ment and the state government, adding that the movement will continue to lend its support for Shekarau's led administration in the state.

Qaribullah Nasiru Kabara therefore appeal to the members of the sect to continue exercising their civil right by being loyal to the government and relegate the attempted mudslinging

The denial by the sect came on the heel of unconfirmed report that Shekarau who returned from a month long vacation from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and made a briefed appearance at the Emir's palace last Friday was heckled by unruly youth.

The account says it took a reinforcement by the police to free the governor and his entourage from unprovoked attack at the Emir's palace, a report, Government spokesman, and Commissioner for Information Dederi had since denied.

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The statement was signed by the Permanent Secretary in charge of Special Services in the SSG's office, Alhaji Abdu Ilehah.

He said that security agents had been directed to closely monitor the activities of the dis-

plan includes, the instigation of some miscreants to harass and attack government functionaries during the celebrations," he said.

The SSG assured the people that appropriate measures had been taken to safeguard lives and property.

## Mother, son die in boat mishap in Benue

By Peter Duru

**MAKURDI** — A boat mishap has claimed the lives of a mother and her three year old son at River Obi in Benue State while on their way to their farm in a ramshackled canoe.

According to an eye witness, the deceased Mrs. Ida Ologbodo and her son who are said to hail from Ikirihil community in Orihi council ward of Obi Local Government met their untimely death in a rather bizarre manner occasioned by turbulence at the river.

Our source said the unfortunate incident occurred when midway into the deceased's journey on the river an unexpected strong wave caused the canoe they were traveling on to accidentally hit the trunk of a big tree and the paddlers totally lost control of the canoe and it capsized in the process.

He stressed that desperate attempts were made to rescue occupants of the ill fated canoe but one of the deceased woman's sons was saved including some other occupants of the makeshift canoe but she and her other three year old son were not so lucky as they drown before help could get to them.

When *Vanguard* visited the home of the deceased some 280km from Makurdi, the bereaved husband Mr. Paul Ida was in too much shock to utter a comment on the unfortunate incident.

However his elder brother, Litus Ida who confirmed the tragedy described it as a great loss to the family and the com-

munity in general disclosing that it took the community four days to recover the remains of the deceased due to lack of needed facilities to undertake the rescue and recovery mission.

He appealed to the Obi Council Chairman to prevail on the State Government to construct a bridge across River Obi in order to avert the reoccurrence of that type of incident as no one could predict who the next victim would be.

Speaking in the same vein the Councillor representing Orihi ward at the Obi LG Council, Mr. Jacob Ogilegwu who decried the unfortunate incident, made a passionate appeal to the Local Government Chairman to provide a ferry for use by the people in order to avert the reoccurrence of that type of incident.

Meanwhile an opinion leader in the community who spoke on grounds of anonymity while lamenting the unfortunate tragedy took a swipe at political leaders who he described as being averse to the needs of the people at the grass roots saying that over the years they have persistently requested for a bridge across River Obi but all they got at the end of the day were promises that were never fulfilled.

He pleaded to the authorities to fulfill their electoral promises made to the commonman like the construction of a bridge across the River Obi or ferries be provided to convey the people across the river in order to avert boat mishaps on the river.

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