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Policeman feared killed as thugs clash in Kano

By Bashir Bello

KANO — A policeman, whose identity is yet to be disclosed has been reported killed during a clash between rival thug groups at Rimi market within Kano metropolis.

While the spokesperson, Kano Police Command, Abdullahi Haruna insisted that the officer was only injured, an eyewitness said the police officer was lynched by the thugs.

Haruna said the officer was injured and later rushed to the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

The image-maker further said the command had arrested seven thugs in connection with the face-off.

According to him, "At 11a.m., on Tuesday, a report was received that group of thugs were fighting at Rimi market within Kano metropolis and were attempting to attack innocent citizens.

"On receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Gumel, immediately mobilised a team of policemen to the scene. Seven suspects were arrested. However, in the process a police officer sustained injury on the head. He was rushed to the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

"The Commissioner of Police directed that the suspects be transferred to command's Criminal Investigation Department, State CID for a discreet investigation after

which the case would be charged to court for prosecution," Haruna stated.

On the other hand, an eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the incident occurred when the rival thug groups clashed in the area and the police officers

stormed the area to restore normalcy. The eyewitness, said the police failed to disperse the thugs, who turned their anger against the policemen by throwing stones and in the process, the officer fell from the police vehicle and was lynched by the thugs.

Suspected herders invade Benue community, kill one, steal farm produce

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI — Suspected armed herdsmen have invaded Tse Uikpam, an Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, host community, in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State, killing a father of two and also stealing from his farm.

The victim, one Tersoo Manga, was said to have met his death while in his farm to weed and harvest some of his crops.

According to a source in the area, the herders had, before now, been sneaking into the communities around that axis of Guma council for several months to attack unsuspecting locals after which they steal from their farms.

He said: "We were told that they returned on Tuesday around 2p.m., and met their victim in his

farm, where he went to weed and harvest some crops.

"Unfortunately, when he saw them, it was already too late for him to escape. Some other people, who were in their farms, were lucky to have escaped. They hacked and killed him on the spot.

"Those who escaped ran back to the village to raise the alarm but when the youths mobilised to the farm, the armed herders had already fled the scene. They only recovered the remains of the victim."

Security Secretary of the council, Mr. Christopher Waku, who confirmed the incident said he was yet to receive details of the attack.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, said she had not received the report of the incident.