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Man Stabs Friend To Death Over 'Pure Water' In Niger

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The police have arrested a 23-year-old man, Abdulazeez Abubakar, for allegedly stabbing his 20-year-old friend, Sadiq Sani, to death following an argument over satchet water.

Both the suspect and the deceased person were childhood friends and residents along Adamawa road in Dutsen-Kura-Hausa Area of Minna, the Niger State capital.

Eyewitnesses revealed that the disagreement began over satchet water, popularly known as pure water, intended for ablution during preparations for the Maghrib prayer.

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One of the residents told our correspondent that what initially appeared to be a minor misunderstanding escalated into a violent confrontation.

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During the altercation, the suspect allegedly drew a sharp object and stabbed the victim, causing severe injuries.

Despite desperate efforts to save his life, the victim succumbed to his wounds.

The spokesperson for the Niger State Police Command, SP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident.

He said the suspect had already been arrested and was under investigation.

Abiodun said, “On 17/12/2025 at about 7.40pm, report indicated that there was a fight at Dutsen-Kura between one Abdulazeez Abubakar, 23yrs, and Sadiq Sani, 20yrs, both of Dutsen-Kura Minna, which led to the death of Sani.

“Police operatives of GRA Division rushed to the scene, and arrested Abubakar. The incident is under investigation and the suspect will soon be transferred to the SCID, Minna for further necessary action.”