

2 dies over palm wine tapping

TWO persons last Friday died at Malagum, Kagoro in Kaura local government of Kaduna State following disagreement on palm wine tapping.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) reports that the incident



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who argued for about 45 minutes relying on section 36, subsection 6 of the 1999 constitution

occurred when a palm wine taper, Cletus Bitrus-Boman, contravened a restriction by the Kagoro Chiefdom on the tapping of palm wine at night.

The District Head had received reports that one Bitrus-Boman was engaged in night tapping contrary to the restriction by the Chiefdom.

Aggrieved by the instruction, Bitrus-Boman accused one Ishaku Aluwong and others of reporting him and promised to deal with them.

Consequently, Bitrus-Boman went to stab Aluwong with a knife. The victim was rushed to the hospital but he died on the way.

Unknown to the culprit, the news of Aluwong's murder had spread all over the village, provoking the deceased's kinsmen to retaliate by beating him to death.

When contacted, the District Head of Malagum, Mr. Moses Sokfa, said he had reported the case to the police adding that the situation had been brought under control.

Sokfa commended the efforts of the police in Kaura in responding promptly.

He lamented that the deceased persons were blood relations, stressing that late Aluwong was an uncle to his victim, Bitrus-Boman. Confirming the incident, the Area Commander in-charge of Southern Kaduna, Mr. Aliyu Philip-Ogbadu, described the situation as unfortunate.

He said that the case had closed pointing out that no arrest was made, "because it is a mob action." He advised the people to report any case to the police instead of taking the law into their hands.