

Alimajiri group leader kills friend over rivalry

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A leader of a group of alimajiri youths supporting the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP in Damboa Local Government of Borno State, Mustapha Goni Ali has been accused of killing his friend, Fali Kolo Mandana, a supporter of the All Nigeria Peoples Party, ANPP over a rivalry that existed between them.

Ali who was arraigned at the Borno State High Court was alleged to have stabbed the deceased during an argument which later degenerated into a fight, court papers have shown.

Mohammed Kyari a witness had earlier told the court that Ali reported to him that the deceased, Fali abused him and he was going to avenge. He explained that during their discussion Fali showed up and the suspect was furious and it took the intervention of himself and one Wakil Ali who blocked his way not to get to the deceased and begged them not to fight, court papers showed.

He said Ali pursued the deceased and stabbed him with a knife. According to him, the deceased later died at Damboa General Hospital where he was rushed to. Another witness, Wakil Ali, also testified in court that the suspect stabbed the deceased.

The accused told the court during the week that Fali threatened to kill him because he was given a 405 saloon car by his party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Damboa because he was a youth leader for the Alimajiri in Damboa. According to him, Fali was jealous because of the car and told him that he was going to kill him, the son of a poor man who was given a car.

He explained further that when he went to the bush to ease himself because he was having a running stomach as a result of a local medicine which he drank with porridge, Fali suddenly emerged with a knife and a gun saying he was going to kill him because he has been promised a post by his party, the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) if he killed a PDP man. He said when the deceased wanted to stab him with the knife, he blocked it with his hand and suddenly he saw the accuse on the floor.