

Deputy Gov arrests policemen over killing of teenager

By Shehu Abubakar

Jigawa state deputy governor, Barrister Ibrahim Hassan Hadeja Friday ordered his security details to arrest two policemen in Abuja who were part of a team of about five policemen that allegedly shot and killed an 18 year old boy.

Barrister Hadeja's convoy was passing beside

Gwarimpa estate in the FCT in the morning when some sympathisers flagged his convoy down he was told that a police patrol team that mounted a check point at the entrance to Gwarimpa had shot and killed a teenager in a Honda Accord car and ran

away.

The deputy governor directed his security men to go after the fleeing police officers and arrest them. He released another car from the convoy to convey the teenager to the hospital.

The security men pursued the fleeing policemen, arrested and handed them over to Gwarimpa police division where they are being questioned.

FCT commissioner of police, Mr Lawrence Alobi confirmed the incident and said all the policemen in the team have been arrested, detained and are being questioned.

"We are questioning them. If we find them guilty of shooting and killing the boy without a just cause, they will be dealt with according to the law. We don't defend our men if they are wrong", he said.

A witness, Malam Isa Bashir who identified the deceased as Abubakar Ma'aji a graduate of Nigeria/Turkish International Secondary school, Abuja said the police shot and killed him when he was leaving the checkpoint.

"My vehicle was about the 4th behind the Honda car

the deceased was driving in. the police stopped several vehicles and were searching them one after the other. Suddenly, we heard a gun shot. Almost immediately, we saw the policemen enter their vehicles and were running away as angry sympathisers protested the killing.

"I went close to the car and saw that it was Abubakar. Somebody that also knows him ran from a nearby house in Gwarimpa Estate. Abubakar was still breathing but in serious pains. It was around 10am. We then noticed an on-coming convoy and waved it down. It was the deputy governor of Jigawa state," he said.

Abubakar's brother, who pleaded for anonymity, said Abubakar was on errand to buy fuel for his mother in the Honda car. He said Abubakar was returning the car back when he was shot and killed.

Abubakar's father, Alhaji Ma'aji Mohammed Alkali, the former Director of Legal Services and now chairman of Achieves and History bureau of PCT confirmed Abubakar's death and said he has since been buried according to Islamic right.

Apex court to hear case today

By Ruby Rabi

tion 180 [2] [a] of the 1999 Constitution and other provisions of the statute, which stipulated a time-frame for his office.

Dissatisfied by the judgment of the trial court, Ladoja had approached the Court of Appeal praying it to set aside the decision of the lower court and to grant his reliefs.

But in its judgment delivered by the presiding justice, Justice Rabi Danlami Mohammed, the appellate court referred the case to the Oyo State election Tribunal for adjudication on the grounds that it lacked jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

Invoking the provisions of section 285 [1] [b] of the

1999 constitution, the appellate Court declined its jurisdiction, but held however, that it would however not strike out the case, because of its uniqueness.

Justice Mohammed held, "by the provisions of section 285 [1][b] this court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case as a court of first instance, but will not strike this matter out due to its uniqueness. I therefore will transfer the matter to the Governorship and National assembly Election Petition Tribunal in Oyo State for determination of the legal questions raised in the matter.

"I invoke section 15 of the Court of Appeal Act and hereby transfer the matter to the State election tribunal."