

# Death of *okada* man triggers protest in Suleja

**M**otorcyclists yesterday barricaded road leading to Suleja, Niger state, set bonfire and paralysed business activities in protest of the killing of their colleague, Sani Barau by men of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)

Motorcyclist Sani Barau was said to have been killed by men of the NDLEA on Saturday night around the hide-out of the Indian hemp dealers at a place called abattoir in Suleja.

The deceased, according to our investigation, has since been taken back to his village at Mani Local Government of Katsina state where he would be buried according to the Islamic rites.

The Abu Kwaka and Suleja local authorities jointly arranged the transportation of the corpse, according to the former governorship aspirant in Niger state, Mallam Habib Madaki.

Madaki said the deceased's friends insist that late Sani had taken a passenger to the Abattoir and that he was never a smoker of Indian hemp.

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Madaki said the Okada man had taken a passenger to the Suleja abattoir.

Effort to get the reaction of the NDLEA failed.

## Senator Obi d

**E**x-vice president Atiku Abubakar's running mate in last April's presidential election, Senator Ben Obi has denied insinuations that he is seeking a ministerial appointment under president Umar Musa Yar'Adua.

Senator Obi who contested the presidential election along with Atiku on the platform of the Action Congress (AC) dismissed the insinuations as "ludicrous, totally untrue and insulting to his person".

In a statement released by the Atiku Abubakar Campaign Organisation yesterday, Obi argued that "how could I be asking the current administration for a job when I and my principal, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, have asked the Tribunal to nullify the so-called election that brought Umar Yar'Adua to power?" he asked.

Newspaper reports last weekend listed Senator Obi's