

Man, 27, kills another for 'name calling'

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

Twenty seven year old Musa Modu of Gudumbali village of Guzamala Local Government Area of Borno State, has been arraigned before a Maiduguri High Court for using a knife to stab to death one Isuwa Bukar of the same address for calling him names.

The deceased who was stabbed in the stomach on May 7, 2007, was rushed to the Gudumbali dispensary and later transferred

to Taimakon Jama'a clinic around Custom Area in Maiduguri, where he later died.

The accused who pleaded not guilty in court is charged with culpable homicide punishable with death as provided by Section 221 of the Penal Code. But in his statement given at the Gudumbali Police Station and recorded by Corporal Isa Buba, who also testified before the court, the accused said around 11am, he went to the borehole in their village and

had a misunderstanding with the deceased. "He used to call me with a name which I disliked. Hence we fought and I removed a knife and stabbed him on his stomach," part of his statement read.

Modu Gir-gir, in his witness statement tendered before the court, said he and the deceased were in his shop around the borehole when the accused came and asked the deceased why they prevented him from loading passengers at the motor park but

the deceased kept quite. Later, they started insulting each other and the heated argument resulted in a fight. According to Gir-gir, the accused removed a knife and was about to stab the deceased before they were separated, but "as the deceased was repairing his motorcycle, the accused came back and stabbed him on his stomach with a knife." Justice Patum Haruna Nggada adjourned the case for hearing to July 5, 2010.

... As 14-year-old nomad pleads guilty of killing peer

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A fourteen year old nomad (names withheld), of Jalingo village in Biu Local Government Area of Borno State, has told a Maiduguri High Court that he killed a young boy, Abdu Alhaji Adamu of Kida village in Hawul Local Government area of the State.

The minor who is charged

with culpable homicide not punishable with death as provided in Section 224 of the Penal Code, was said to have used his knife to stab the deceased, also another minor on the left side of his stomach on February 2, 2010 around 2.30pm after a disagreement. What led to the disagreement wasn't contained in court papers but officials said trouble began when

the suspect and the deceased met at a wedding ceremony in a neighbouring village and engaged in a brawl.

A witness and an elder brother to the deceased, Alhaji Wakil Ruwa, in a statement, told the court that he saw the deceased in his house in a pool of blood and rushed him to the hospital.

Kanem Trust learnt that the accused was apprehended by

officials of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Rearers Association, Biu branch and handed over to the police in Maiduguri.

In view of his plea of guilt, the presiding judge, Justice Abdullahi Yerima Sanya, adjourned the case to allow appearance of witnesses to prove the case. The judge then ordered the accused to be held in a remand home. The case continues this week.