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Boy kills brother over ram skin

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Tragedy struck during the [Sallah](#) celebration at [Kofar Shehu area of Maiduguri](#), [Borno State](#) on Tuesday when a teenager, [Bello Muhammed](#), allegedly stabbed and killed his 14 year old brother, [Muktar Muhammed](#) during a [misunderstanding over who will take possession of the skin of a ram that had been slaughtered for the Eid festival](#).

Borno State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Lawal Abdullahi, who confirmed the incident to our reporter yesterday, said a case of culpable homicide under section 221 of the penal code was received from the Dandal police station. According to him, the two brothers had a misunderstanding over who owns a ram skin and the elder brother stabbed his younger, who died on the spot.

ASP Abdullahi said Bello is on the run and is wanted by the police. He added that the police are making efforts to apprehend the suspect while the [corpse of his younger brother](#) has been deposited at the University of [Maiduguri Teaching Hospital \(UMTH\)](#) for autopsy.

"The commissioner, Muhammed J. Abubakar has directed the anti-homicide section of the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to take over investigation with immediate effect and the culprit when arrested will be assembled before a law court for prosecution," the police spokesman also said.

Our correspondent gathered from a neighbour that trouble started when the younger brother clubbed his elder brother during a misunderstanding over the ram skin, and the elder brother in turn stabbed him on the chest and he died on the spot.



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