

# Orderly kills Nasarawa Emir's nephew during melee

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AN attack on the Emir of Nasarawa in Nasarawa State, Alhaji Hassan Ahmed II, after the Muslim Juma'a service in the town, yesterday, ended up in blood as his orderly allegedly shot a nephew of the Emir, Dahiru Ahmed, dead. An eyewitness account said the angry mob sprang up as the Emir was leaving the mosque, chanting "Sai Buhari," a popular pro-General Muhammadu Buhari slogan, raising voices against the Emir's refusal to receive the CPC presidential candidate when he visited to pay homage during his final campaign outing, last Tuesday.

Yesterday's incident came about three days after the disgrace of the CPC candidate, with the mob expressing anger at the emir in his first outing since that day. From every corner, angry persons poured out and advanced towards the Emir with stones, heckling him.

An eyewitness narrated the story thus: "The traditional ruler made to return inside the mosque, but the mob surged from there and he remained stranded. It was at that time that the police orderly removed his pistol and fired, felling one of the persons who were protecting the Emir in the chest."

The deceased, a youth of about 20, whose name Weekly Trust got as Dahiru Ahmed, is said to be the Emir's nephew and an officer of the palace. The orderly, whose name was given only as Sergeant Ibrahim, was said to have immediately jumped at the Emir, holding him in apparent search for cover.

A second version of the incident said the Emir's nephew was stabbed when he tried to protect his boss from being stabbed by a member of the mob. A team of policemen which arrived the scene of the incident, fired shots in the air to disperse the mob but no arrests were made. The Keffi Area Commander of the police, Alhassan Mamudu, who was led to the scene of the incident by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the area, told Weekly Trust that his men brought the situation under control. The deceased is said to have been buried immediately, according to Islamic rites.