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Farmer, 45, killed in Niger clash

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A 45-year-old farmer, Mohammed Makanta, was allegedly clubbed to death while trying to vote at Edati in Niger State in Tuesday's governorship election in the state. The man who was said to be from a neighbouring village, was initially barred from Botan polling unit in the area, a move that sparked off a free for all fight in the area.

According to witnesses, the commotion resulted in the killing after which election at that polling unit was cancelled as INEC officials could no longer contain the situation.

The state Police Public Relations Officer Mr Richard Oguche said the police had launched a manhunt for 10 people involved in the free for all fight that led to the death of Makanta. He said that people from the Botan and Gawo community have a history of territorial conflicts that have claimed lives in the past adding that the late Makanta was prevented from casting his vote due to the past fracas between both communities.

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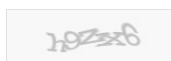
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