

Traditional ruler arrested over murder of NTA staff

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THE ward head of Sobawa in Rigachikun, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State has been arrested by the police over the murder of former Marketing Manager of the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), Kaduna, Alhaji Zubairu A. Adamu.

The traditional ruler, Alhaji Abdulmuminu Nasiru, aka Sarki Magaji, is being accused of masterminding the killing because, according to witnesses, he openly threat-

ened to teach the deceased a lesson over a misunderstanding over land allocation.

The Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Muhammad Jinjiri Abubakar, said yesterday that they are holding onto the traditional ruler to enable them get to the root of the matter.

Speaking to newsmen, the son of the former NTA manager, Adamu Zubairu, said, "my father went out on Sunday, June 24, to farm, and did not return. We went out in search of him after we discovered

that the people he went out with came back without him. It was in the course of our search that his body was discovered.

"He was killed with a cable, and after he died, the murderers put him in a sack and dumped it in the bush. Why the people of Rigachikun are suspecting Sarki Magaji is because he has been at loggerheads with my father over allocation of lands at Sobawa, where my father was the chairman of the sharing committee before Sarki Magaji came in to destabilise the process. The refusal

of my father to engage in shoddy deals as initiated by Sarki Magaji made him to openly threaten my father at the palace of the district head of Rigachikun".

The prompt intervention of the police, according to the state's Commissioner of Police, CP Abubakar, saved Sarki Magaji, as the youths in the area attempted to set his house on fire and kill him.

There was apprehension in Rigachikun when our correspondent visited yesterday and people were seen in groups discussing the incident.