

# Thug kills APC member in Kebbi LG



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Kebbi State Police Commissioner, Alhaji Isyaku Barau, at the weekend confirmed the killing of one member of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in an attack in Mera, Augie Local Government Area of the state.

Witnesses, who spoke to our correspondent, said 30-year-old Rabi'u Abdullahi was stabbed to death by a thug with a triple-edged spear.

"APC supporters were attacked and one of them was killed with 'Hargi' (triple-edged spear) on their way to Argungu from campaign rally in Zagi, Augie Local Government with the Kebbi-North senatorial candidate, Dr Yahaya Abubakar Abdullahi," a witness said.

The commissioner, while confirming the incident, said contrary to APC's account, "they were not ambushed."

He said: "When the APC team was returning from a campaign rally in Zagi, the fuel in their car finished. The deceased ran into a group of PDP supporters while on his way to buy petrol and one of them (PDP supporters) stabbed him on his chest and he bled to death.

"I have called candidates of APC and PDP for a meeting to proffer solution to cases of destruction of campaign vehicles, offices, posters and billboards by both parties. Two supporters of former speaker, Musa Jega, who defected to the APC, were at one time attacked and critically wounded during his (the former speaker) visit to Saminaka in Shanga Local Government Area of the state. There was also an incident where all cassettes and recording equipment in a shop belonging to an APC supporter was destroyed in Kangiwa. Unfortunately, PDP has never attended or sent representation anytime I call for meeting on attacks," the commissioner said.

He added that they had made some arrests and were trailing the principal suspect, one Bashir Adamu Mera, who was allegedly identified by witnesses.

The coordinator, APC Kebbi North campaign organization and treasurer of the state APC chapter, Alhaji Musa Abubakar Danmalikin Kebbi, said, "We shall ensure that the perpetrators of this barbaric act are arrested by the police and brought to justice even if it will take us to the Supreme Court. This is the first recorded political campaign murder in Kebbi. This has never been the tradition of Kebbi people."

He called on security agents to take stringent measures to protect the people during campaign and election.

When contacted, secretary of the PDP in the state, Alhaji Ibrahim Arzika Bui, promised to call back. He was yet to do so at the time this report was filed.

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