

BOY KILLED IN ROW OVER JONATHAN'S BILLBOARD



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A teenage boy has been killed in a row over a campaign billboard of President Goodluck Jonathan in Zangon Aya, Igabi local government of Kaduna State. Sama'ila Umar was stabbed in the back and later fell down a deep well after a brief argument over the erection of Jonathan's billboard in the town.

Police confirmed the incident and said one Mohammed Suleiman was arrested. A source in Zangon Aya told Weekly Trust yesterday that the incident happened on Thursday at about 7pm. He said "Mohammed Suleiman came with posters of the president and was looking for a spot to erect a giant billboard. The deceased, Umar, told him not to place any poster or erect a campaign billboard in the town because the area was the stronghold of the opposition party and billboard might be damaged."

The source said Suleiman refused to heed the advice and was angered when Umar kept pleading with him over the matter. "He brought out a knife and stabbed Umar and chased him. Umar is from the nearby Kadaugi village and was not familiar with the area and he fell into a well." His corpse was removed and buried.

Tension swelled in the town following the incident but extra policemen were deployed before the situation got out of hand.

Suleiman was said to be a relative of a popular politician in the area and an aide to Governor Mukhtar Ramalan Yero.

Police spokesman deputy superintendent Zubairu Abubakar said Suleiman was arrested and investigation is ongoing and homicide charges may be pressed against the suspect.

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Biased reporting! Muhammed couldn't have just stabbed Umar if all the teenager did was "plead" and "advise". If this reporter bothered to investigate or report what actually transpired, I am sure he would be found that Umar must have become violent, and that his violent threat sparked the reaction that led to his unfortunate death. Unfortunately, this is what intolerance in today's politicking in our country is causing to the next generation. When our leaders make statements that incite hate and intolerance (statements like Muslims should not vote for Christians), the young and undiscerning citizens will learn to reason in this manner. Just imagine a teenager being so intolerant! Shame! Shame!