

# PDP Crisis: Suspect Dies In Police Cell

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A 40-year-old suspect, Yahaya Tsado Bukagi, arrested in connection with the crisis that erupted in Bukano ward of Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State, after the announcement of the results of the councillorship primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), has reportedly died in police custody.

Bukagi was among the 11 suspects arrested by the police in a raid few days after the PDP primaries' results were received with violent protest that resulted in the burning down of the residence of the Council Chairman, Aliyu Kusogi.

The deceased, who was said to have been an ulcer patient, died as a result of complications arising from the beating received in the hands of the policemen that affected his arrest.

Another suspect, who spoke in anonymity during their arraignment at Chief Magistrate's Court 1, Minna on Tuesday, disclosed that Bukagi, who has two wives and nine children, died a few hours after he arrived at the police headquarters in Minna.

He disclosed that on arrival at the Criminal Investigation Department office of the state Police Command, Bukagi was rushed to the hospital because of his critical condition.

The deceased had been buried according to Muslim rite and the family informed accordingly of his death.