

LG Boss Accused Of Killing APC Supporter In Jigawa

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People suspected to be supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have allegedly killed a supporter of the rival All Progressives Congress (APC), Ya'u Hussaini Magama, at Magama village in Jahun local government of Jigawa State on the orders of the council chairman.

The deceased was reportedly beaten to coma and strangulated by the suspected thugs and died on arrival at Jahun Hospital where he was taken in an effort to save him.

Magama, 30, a father of three, was slated to marry his second wife next week before he was killed in the presence of the incumbent chairman of Jahun local government area, Alhaji Idris Danlawan, who was alleged to have ordered the thugs to deal with him.

Speaking to LEADERSHIP, an eyewitness, Salisu Amadu, who was in the company of the deceased when the incident happened, revealed that at about 7pm last Sunday, the Jahun LG chairman and other PDP supporters were coming back from Kanwar Masaba village on LG election campaign tour, and

that on reaching Magama, some youth started chanting 'Bamayi' which means 'we don't want you'.

"This provoked the chairman, and he furiously came out from his car asking 'who were saying Bamayi. On seeing the deceased who was among them, the chairman personally held his neck and asked the thugs around him to deal with him.

"I personally tried to separate (free) Ya'u from the hand of chairman before the thugs overpowered me. At last, the victim managed to run a little before collapsing and he started gasping. He was later taken to hospital and died on arrival," said Amadu.

Another eye witness, Bala Magaji, who is a friend to the deceased, said: "When the PDP supporters were passing through our village, we didn't know what actually happened but the chairman (who is well known to all of us) came down from his vehicle and asked: 'Who is the one that said 'bamayi' amongst you?

"On sensing the danger, my friend Ya'u replied him: 'Aiko-wayabi,' meaning 'everyone here is with you', but the chairman was not convinced and instead held the deceased by his

neck and asked him to produce the others.

"Just like drama, Ya'u started gasping and we rushed to separate (free) him from the hands of the chairman but suddenly other supporters of the PDP started attacking us with knives and sticks and, in the process, my friend was killed".

Another witness, Danjummai Ibrahim, who is a blacksmith, said he was also attacked by the PDP supporters after the chairman had directed that Magama be killed, disclosing that the victim had just returned from Yobe, where he worked as a local butcher, in preparation to take a new bride only to die "in the hands of the person that is supposed to have been our protector in the area".

Magama's father, Malam Hussain Ililo, faulted the council chairman over the death of his child, and called on all the law authorities to do justice to the family by fishing out all the culprits to face the law.

When contacted the Jahun council chairman, Alhaji Idris Iliyasu Danlawan denied having a hand in the victim's death.

"It was after we left the town that the Divisional Police Officer



The late Magama

(DPO) in charge of Jahun Police Division alerted me that I was being alleged to have masterminded the killing of someone whom I knew nothing about.

"How can I, a whole council chairman, engage myself in a brawl with another person because he does not belong to my party? You know this story is false and I challenge anyone accusing me to prove that I was the person that killed him," he said.

When contacted, the Jigawa State Police Commissioner, Mr. Kayode Theophilus, who spoke through the command's public relations officer, DSP Abdu Jinjiri, confirmed the killing of APC supporter, and said the command was investigating the incident while the deceased had been taken to the hospital for autopsy.

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