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The Director-General of SERVICOM in Niger State, Alhaji Saidu Ibrahim, has been killed.

He was allegedly hit with cutlass last weekend by two warring Fulani herdsmen while trying to mediate between them in Sabon Daga village on Minna-Bida Road.

The late Ibrahim was on his way to Bida when he saw the herdsmen fighting.

He tried to mediate between the "warriors" when he was hit.

He died immediately.

Many people alleged that the incident was politically-motivated.

But the Director- General of Publicity and Public Affairs to the Governor, Mallam Bala Abdulkadir, described the killing as circumstantial.

Abdulkadir said: "One thing I want the public to understand is that the killing was not politically-motivated because if you look at the scenario, you will discover that it has nothing to do with politics, but a misfortune that occurred when a man was trying to be a peace- maker.

"For the avoidance of doubt, the late Ibrahim was on his way to Bida when he noticed two Fulani men fighting. He had driven past them, but reversed to mediate between them.

"After the mediation, he was about to leave when one of them, who felt the late Ibrahim took sides with the other, hit him with a cutlass on the head. He died on the spot."

Police spokesman Richard Oguiche confirmed the incident.

Oguiche said four persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.