

From MOHAMMED  
IBRAHIM, Kaduna

## Man, 27, killed over struggle for water

THE residents of **Kakuri Gwari** in **Kaduna South Local Government Area** of Kaduna State were recently sent into confusion and disbelief when a bus conductor, **Mohammed Bashir (27)** was allegedly **stabbed to death** by another youth simply identified as **Hamza** during a **fight over water at a public well** in the area.

It was gathered that the incident occurred around 7am at a well in front of the suspect's house where people in the area go to fetch water daily for their domestic use due to water shortage being witnessed in Kaduna.

*New Nigerian on Sunday* learnt that the suspect, Hamza, a commercial motorcyclist known as "Okada" was said to

have locked the well barring neighbours from fetching water without giving any concrete reason for his action.

When the deceased intervened, it was gathered, an **argument broke out between them which later turned into a fight**.

It was learnt that few people who were around tried to separate them, just as Hamza was alleged to have gone into their compound, while the deceased opened the well for people around to fetch water.

"It started like a play but Hamza couldn't bear it. So, when we separated them, he went into their house. We all thought he had let go of the issue. So, he (Bashar), bent down and was busy watching

his stained body. Then, I saw Hamza coming out holding a knife in his hand and before I could ask Bashar to run, he stabbed him in the neck".

According to him, he was at the deceased's house to pick him to work when the incident occurred, adding that effort to provide first-aid to Bashar was not successful as blood kept rushing out of his body just as the deceased groaned, saying "take me to the hospital, take me to the hospital."

*New Nigerian on Sunday* also learnt that the victim died before reaching the hospital. The suspect, however, attempted to escape but people around over-powered him and got him arrested.

It was gathered that quick

intervention of the military task force in the area prevented other angry youth from lynching the suspect.

The father of the suspect who is an **Islamic scholar** in the area was apparently angry when the matter was reported to him and asked the youth in the community to **kill his own son**.

"It is not my saying but Allah's said he who kills should be killed; whoever removes someone's eye his eye too should be removed. The same thing is to happen to whoever removes somebody's ears or nose. This is Quran's judgment, not mine, and as a Muslim, the only thing that will give me rest of mind is to hear that Sharia law has been implemented on Hamza," he said.

## ABU ASUU warns against negative

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From SANI ALIYU, Zaria

THE Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria has warned that it will not tolerate any negative media report on the union and the university at a time when peace has returned to the institution after a prolonged fight over the appointment of a substantive Vice Chancellor for the University. Dr. Rabi'u Nasiry, Acting Chairman of the ABU ASUU, who gave the warning at a press conference in Zaria at the weekend, stressed that the union would not waste its time in joining issues with any individual, for impersonating its official organs to advance his primordial interest

and to deceive members of the public.

According to him, the purported news conference and telephone interview granted by one Mu'azu Maiwada who claimed to be the acting chairman of ASUU/ABU Zaria, branch which was published in some dailies, is no longer a member of ASUU because of his voluntary withdrawal of membership of the union.

The chairman, therefore, said Mu'azu Maiwada only expressed his opinion and has nothing to do with ASUU/ABU Zaria branch, nothing that as far as the union was concerned, due process was followed in the appointment of

the current substantive Vice-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University.

He further said "After the humiliating defeat he suffered during the last congregation of his faculty, he lost control of himself. But he has been shamelessly using all kinds of articles to create confusion in the minds of the general public on the true state of affairs in the university, one of which is impersonating the organ of ASUU, which he does not subscribe to any longer and no longer represents."

Dr. Rabi'u implored the media to disregard anything that has to do with ASUU emanating from Mu'azu Maiwada as acting chairman of ABU ASUU.

## Democracy is a blessing to Nigeria — LG boss

CHAIRMAN of Kokona Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, Alhaji Basiru Abubakar Sharubutu, has described the 11 years of democracy as a blessing to Nigeria and her citizens.

Speaking to newsmen in Kaduna, Alhaji Basiru said a lot has been achieved in the last 11 years of democracy in Nigeria such as banking reform, communication reform which led to the birth of MTN, Zain, GLO and other communication outfits and internet service providers.

Other dividends of democracy, according to him, were freedom of expression of views apart from the execution of developmental programmes across the country among others.

While commenting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma of Nasarawa State, Alhaji Basiru described his performance as very impressive.

According to the council chairman, Governor Doma has done a lot in the areas of education, health, agriculture, roads development, human development and security among others.

Alhaji Basiru appealed to people of Nasarawa State to continue to maintain peace and to shut any form of violence crisis to enable them continue to enjoy the dividends of democracy.

## US Embassy donates materials to Kaduna police

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UNITED States of America's Embassy in Nigeria has donated 200 boots and 50 handcuffs to Kaduna State Police Command.

The director of International Nachotic and Law Enforcement Affairs with the Embassy in Nigeria, Mr. Micheal Makalan who presented the items to Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Tambari Mohammed Yabo, said American government would be happy to see Nigeria Police Force taking community policing serious.

According to him, "The chal-

lenges facing community policing is the fact that the communities are yet to understand the concept of community policing which is creating a big problem."

It was against this background, he said, "We are carrying out campaign through seminars to sensitise people on this very important project."

He stated that the Nigeria police has been doing well since the introduction of community policing in the country, adding that the gesture by the embassy shows that the international communities are observing and monitoring what the Nigerian Police is doing, particularly in community policing. The major challenge facing

the force as regards community policing is lack of understanding of the concept by the communities, he said.

"The challenges facing the concept of community policing is that the communities themselves have not yet fully understood the concept of community policing and this is really creating a problem for us. That is why we are always carrying out information campaigns through seminars in order to sensitize the people on this very importance issue. We want the people to know what community policing is all about and what the communities themselves are supposed to do," he said.