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# Herdsman kills Niger Governor's aide

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It was Black Sunday for the people of Kateregi, in Katcha local government area of Niger state when a Fulani herdsman allegedly hacked the Director-General (SERVICOM) to the Niger state governor, Malam Saidu Ibrahim, to death with a machete.

Peoples Daily gathered that the incident happened around Kateregi, which is sandwiched by the state capital, Minna, and Bida, late Sunday evening. He was reported to have been travelling to Bida from Minna in his private car.

It was further gathered that the deceased, while on the journey, came about herdsman, numbering about four and fighting with dangerous weapons. He is alleged to have stopped to mediate in the quarrel.

Our reporter gathered that it was while mediating that one of the herdsman, accusing the deceased of taking sides, attacked him with a machete; hacking him to death.

The director-general is said to have died instantly, and was taken back to Minna, where he was buried after prayers were offered for him at the Minna Central Mosque on Monday morning.

It was gathered that the herdsman responsible for the death has been arrested by the police and is being detained at Kateregi police station.

When contacted the Niger Police Public Relation Officer, Mr. Richard Oguiche, said he could not give details of the matter as he too was awaiting details on it from higher quarters.

However, the Director-General on Publicity and Public Affairs to the Niger state Governor, Alhaji Bala Abdulkhadiri, confirmed the incident, saying the state would miss the services of the late SERVICOM boss. According to him Malam Ibrahim was a thorough bred civil servant after rising to the top echelon of the Federal Civil Service before coming to state to add value to the vision of the present administration in the state.

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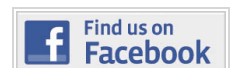
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