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Governor's aide axed to death by Fulani herdsmen

From AKIN ALOFETEKUN, Minna

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Director-General of Servicom in Niger State, Alhaji Saidu Ibrahim was Sunday evening hacked to death while trying to separate a group of Fulani herdsmen who engaged themselves in fierce battle.

Daily Sun gathered in Minna that Saidu Ibrahim was on his way to Bida from Minna when he met a group of the Fulani combatants.

The first reaction of the Director General was simply to ignore them but after about 100 meters away from the scene, he changed his mind and returned to separate the fighters. The sources revealed that in the confusion, one of those involved in the brawl raised an axe, which hit Saidu Ibrahim resulting in his death.

His remains were brought to Minna where it was interred at the Muslim cemetery according to Islamic rites yesterday.

The Police in Minna confirmed that four people suspected to be directly involved in the murder of Saidu Ibrahim have been arrested.

Police spokesman Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Oguche Richard said investigations into the incident had begun, adding that efforts were also being made to recover the axe used to kill the Director General.

Meanwhile, the Niger state Governor, Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu has reacted to the death of his top aide, saying "we have lost a hard working gentleman."

Aliyu in a statement signed by his Director General Media and Publicity, Bala Ibrahim Abdulkadir said the deceased served the government meritoriously in his lifetime. "He set up the Niger State Servicom unit and added value to service delivery in the state."



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