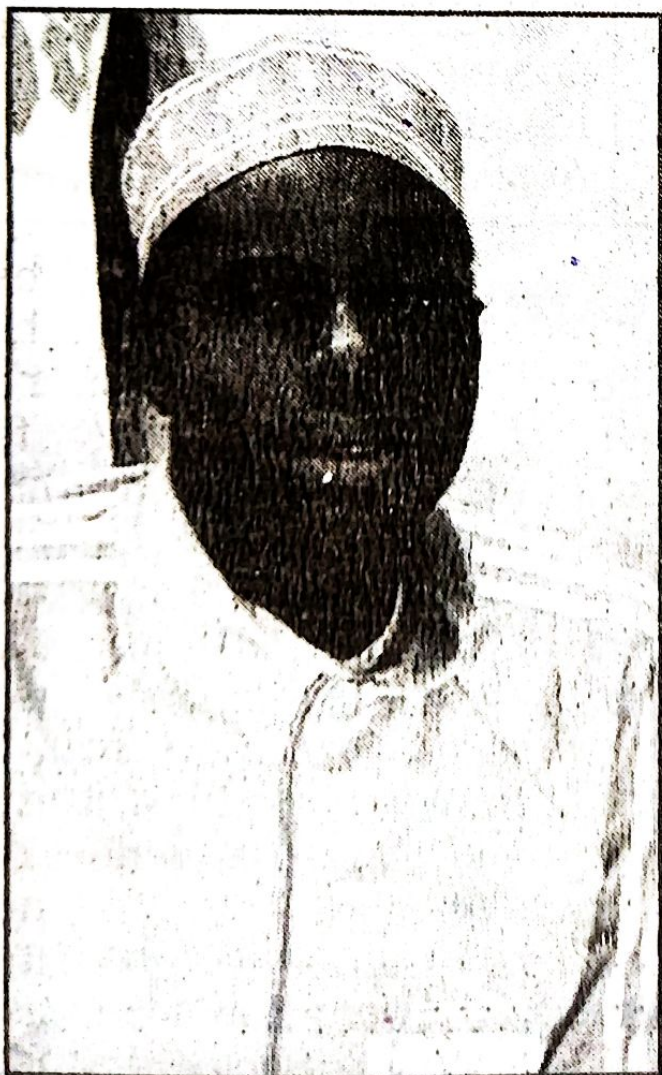


③ 1 dead, several injured as Jigawa political rally turned bloody

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A least one person died while others sustained varying degrees of injuries following a political clash which erupted in Kazaure area of Jigawa State, during a gubernatorial campaign rally held at the ancient town.

The Jigawa State Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Ekot, told



Halliru Lafka

our reporter that the police are on the trail of the suspected killer who was said to have fled to neighbouring Kano State after committing the crime.

He said, "The police are on top of the situation, the (prime) suspect has fled to Kano. It's a conflict within party, faithful to a particular candidate that disagrees among themselves. They are members of the same APC, not a conflict between two parties."

The Jigawa State Governor, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar had led the APC governorship campaign rally in Kazaure on Tuesday where the violent clash between rival youth groups of the APC led to the death of one person.

It was learnt that the person killed was a supporter of the party's senatorial candidate for the Jigawa North-west District, Babangida Hussein.

Residents identified the deceased as Halliru Lafka, a resident of Kazaure town. The killing led to a protest by residents who burnt down the billboards of the senatorial candidate, Mr Hussein, accusing him of allegedly harbouring political thugs and destabilising the peace of the town.

Mr Hussein could not however be reached immediately to comment on the incident, his known phone number did not connect since Wednesday.