

# Benue PDP, Alia trade words over alleged killing of cattle traders

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The Benue State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Governor Hyacinth Alia at the weekend bicker over the alleged murder of two cattle traders said to be members of the Cow Dealers Cooperative Society (CDCS) in Katsina-Ala by gangsters operating around Kwande Local Government axis of the state.

The cattle traders were said to be conveying cows, bags of rice and goats to the eastern part of the country through Nyihemba in the local

government on a thoroughfare where their truck allegedly fell accidentally, leading to the ugly incident.

On getting wind of the incident, Governor Alia, via the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Prof. Joseph Alkali, swiftly held a meeting with stakeholders of Kwande Local Government at Jato Aka Council hall and some representatives of the association, where he condemned the attack and gave traditional rulers in the community seven days to produce the killers of the traders who were suspected to be herdsmen.