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Cattle rearer stabs butcher to death

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CALABAR—A Fulani cattle rearer (names withheld) weekend stabbed a butcher to death in Ogoja, Cross River State, claiming that his victim owed him the sum N20,000.

According to Vanguard sources, in the early hours of Saturday, August 5, the butcher, Geriki Jubrin, had gone to the cattle market in the company of his colleagues to buy cattle to be slaughtered that day for their usual business.

Unknown to Geriki Jubrin, the Fulani cattle rearer whom he owed was there waiting for him to appear.

According to the deceased's uncle, Ledum Umaru, "the man has been troubling Geriki for about three weeks now for the debt he was owing him and the young man kept assuring the cattle rearer that he was going to pay him the balance of the money which is N20,000 naira but the man kept disturbing him".

He said the head of the butchers had been informed about the issue of Geriki owing the Fulani man and that the man had tried to make peace between the two to no avail.

He said: "That Saturday morning, when the butchers went to the cattle market, the head of the butcher was there and he called the two of them to a meeting and said that within the week, he was going to make sure Geriki gets the sum of N10,000 and he would add another N10,000 and give to the Fulani man.

"The Fulani man kept quiet as if he was pleased with what the man said and the man turned to go, the moment he turned his back he heard shouts of kai kai kai as the Fulani man drew out a dagger and stabbed Geriki on the chest and he fell".

When it was reported that the butcher had passed on, the crowd besieged the Ogoja Police Station asking for the man, but the police acting swiftly took him.

It was learnt that when Geriki fell, his brothers who were present at the time of the incident, wanted to lynch the Fulani man but it was thought that since the man was not yet dead killing the Fulani man would bring another trouble

According to an eyewitness, "the Fulani man then ran towards the road, and as luck would have it, the Operation MESSA, the state's security outfit composed of soldiers, air force and police officials were passing by and spotted a crowd and stopped to make inquiries and they were told what just happened.


"They then rescued the Fulani man from the angry mob that wanted to pounce on him and took him to the police station. It was the Operation MESSA people that saved the man because as soon as they took the man away to the police station, Geriki died on the way to the hospital."

As soon as news spread that Geriki was dead, the mob gathered at the police station in an attempt to lynch the Fulani man, but were prevented from doing so by security men.

The DPO of Ogoja police station could not be reached for comments, but a source told Vanguard that the suspect would soon be taken to the State Criminal Investigation Bureau in Calabar for further investigations.



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1.  *Manny Chuks* says:
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I totally agree with Mr Vince Umeh that something needs to be done to check these Hausa/Fulani guys roaming the streets with dangerous weapons(daggers) hidden in their clothes.I did my NYSC program in kaduna and I used to live in Idi Araba in Lagos and I can tell you I never tried to argue or dispute anything with these guys because I knew they had those dangerous daggers and they can stab you with minor provocation.

2.  *Mordi Stanley* says:
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They should have stabbed the aboki through the ANUS to settle the equation.

3.  *Tennesson Akaba* says:
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What is the difference between a gun and a dagger with respect to taking life or causin arm, its unlawful to carry arms around and dagger is not an exception. Atleast now that issue has to be looked upon, what a shame and lose that a life has to be involved first. Ehooo....

4.  *umeh vince* says:
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This Lawlessness has to stop. The case of Hausa / Fulani's moving about with Dagger with out police check, is something the senate has to look into without delay. It has become a national issue because the police knows that these people (Hausa / Fulani's) are always armed but nothing is being done to check it. They go about killing people at every little or no provocation and we keep pretending that all is well.. This murderer should be given a speedy trial and let the law take its cause..

5.  *don elakhs* says:
[August 18, 2009 at 8:44 am](#)

we have too many immigrant in these country. why should people with nlow intelligence come into these country to cause problem. what a big shame to our immigration service who allow dangerous alien to move freely in our nation.

6.  *Adokiye Peters* says:
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What further investigation??? Kai kai kai, lynch the banza aboki to serve as a lesson to his dagger carrying brothers!

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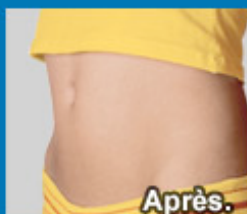
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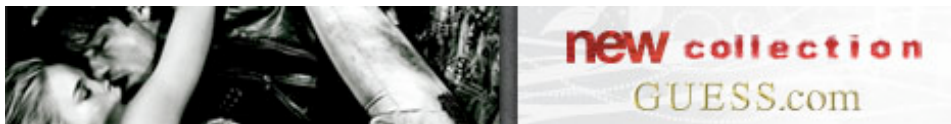
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