

# Nigerian jailed for Facebook insult of governor

Nigerian police detained a man for 10 days after he insulted a state governor on Facebook, traumatising him to such a degree that he has been hospitalised, his father said on Thursday (3 February 2011). Mukhtar Ibrahim Aminu, 24, posted a message on his own Facebook page on January 9 insulting governor Sule Lamido over the politician's support for President Goodluck Jonathan in April elections.



Lamido is governor of Jigawa state, located in Nigeria's mainly Muslim north. Jonathan, a Christian, has faced resistance to his candidacy in the region.

"O Allah destroy Sule Lamido and the rest of his friends," said the Facebook post which has since been removed, according to local journalists.

"O Allah disgrace Sule Lamido and the rest of his cursed friends. O Allah curse Sule Lamido and the rest of his cursed friends ..."

He was arrested on January 19 in the Jigawa state capital Dutse, then taken to Nigerian police headquarters in the nation's capital Abuja, where he was held for nine days.

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