



‘INEC hired el-Rufai’s personal lawyer to defend case at tribunal’ - Shehu Sani

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Senator Shehu Sani, lawmaker representing Kaduna Central senatorial district on the platform of the Peoples Redemption Party (PRP) has accused the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) of alleged conspiracy by hiring Governor Nasir Ahmad el-Rufai’s personal lawyer as her counsel at the tribunal.

According to the Senator, hiring Governor el-Rufai’s personal lawyer in a case the governor himself is a party is an attempt to truncate justice.

Speaking with newsmen at his Kaduna residence, the Senator who is challenging the National Assembly result of the 9th March election in which he was a contestant, averred that A.U Mustapha has been Governor el-Rufai’s personal lawyer in all of the court cases of the governor including four cases of defamation filed against him by the governor.

“The same lawyer is the one representing el-Rufai in a case between the governor and the Union newspapers, and another case between the governor and the Ahmed Datti of Baze University “.

The Senator said, “The NASS election was rigged, fraudulent and marred by massive irregularities and it was geared towards removing some of us and replacing us with their stooges.

“Leaders cannot claim to be men and women of integrity once they impose themselves in position of power fraudulently. Election in Kaduna State was neither free, fair nor credible.

“INEC using el-Rufai’s personal lawyer as their counsel is not only suspicious and my counsel has petition the commission, even though we are not challenging it in court because it will eat into the 90 days widow of the tribunal.

“We have presented documents to INEC to proof that A.U Mustapha is a personal lawyer to Governor el-Rufai. Why should INEC hire el-Rufai’s personal lawyer if the commission knows that all that was done is fair and just.

“My votes at the election was not counted, my votes were surpressed against the principle of fairness and transparency and I will not remain silence to allow injustice prevail. I can tell beyond reasonable doubt that I am the winner of the election.

“We are going to challenge the proof of massive fraud, rigging and malpractices that characterizes the election in Kaduna State.” He stressed.