

Housewife Allegedly Stabs Man To Death Over Rape Attempt In Kogi



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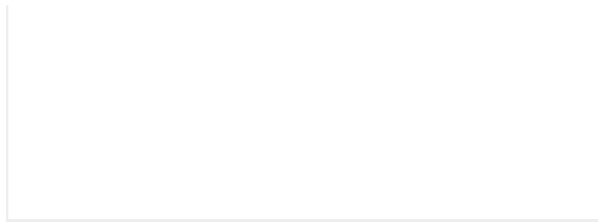


A 21-year-old housewife, Maryam Muntari, has allegedly stabbed her neighbour, Ahmed Kalo, to death in his room over an alleged rape attempt in the Idoji-Okene community of Okene Local Government Area in Kogi State.

The Kogi State Police Command confirmed the incident, saying that it happened on Thursday between 5:30 am and 6 am.

Reports from the community indicate that the woman is a nursing mother and the wife of a man, who has been a neighbour and political acquaintance of the deceased in Idoji-Okene for years.

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Witnesses said a scream for help from Kalo's compound in the morning attracted neighbours, who then discovered him on his bed in a pool of blood.

According to locals, Kalo met Maryam at the water-fetching point early that morning and asked her to help him carry his jerrycan of water to his house, which she obliged.

It was reported that upon reaching his house, the man allegedly locked the main door of his room while she was dropping the water in one of the rooms.

Thereafter, he allegedly dragged the nursing mother to his bedroom, threatening her with a knife to comply with his demand for sex.

“Sensing danger, the nursing woman reportedly feigned compliance and followed him quietly to his bedroom. Believing she was compliant, he was said to have dropped the knife and decided to pull off his garment,” said Enezi Nuhu, a resident.

“The woman seized the opportunity, picked up a knife and stabbed the man with it. His scream for help drew the attention of his cousin and neighbors. He died immediately from the bleeding,” Nuhu added.

However, the slain man's cousin offered a different account, saying Kalo's cry for help made people to rush to his bedroom where they found him in a pool of blood.

“The woman has been coming to our compound. Both went to fetch water, but I did not know when the woman went upstairs. It was Kalo's shout that drew their attention upstairs,” the cousin said on condition of anonymity.

“Rushing upstairs with others, they met the woman coming downstairs. On meeting Kalo in pain, he told them with his last breath that the woman stabbed him, before he died,” the cousin added.

He noted that the woman's husband later reported the incident to the police station, stating that someone tried to rape his wife and she stabbed him.

Kalo, said to be over 65 years old and an ex-staff of the Iron Ore Industry, Itakpe, was reportedly staying alone in the family house at the time of the incident.

The Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP William Aya, confirmed the incident, stating that the suspected woman had been arrested and was in police custody for further investigation.

“The incident happened at about 5:30 a.m. on Thursday at Idoji quarters, Okene. One Ahmed Isah (Kalo) was stabbed to death on the neck in his room by one Maryam Muntari, 21 years old, of Idoji-Okene,” Aya said.

“The suspect has been arrested. Investigation is still ongoing, while the corpse has been taken to the Reference Hospital for autopsy,” he concluded.