

Woman arrested for allegedly poisoning co-wife in Gombe

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A woman has been arrested in Gombe for allegedly poisoning her co-wife, Fauziyya Shuaibu, leading to her death.

The incident, which occurred in the Riyal area of Gombe metropolis, has thrown residents into shock after Fauziyya reportedly died from consuming food suspected to contain a harmful substance.

While the deceased's family said they have left the matter in the hands of Allah, police insist investigations will proceed in accordance with the law.

Speaking to Daily Trust, the deceased's brother, Jibrilla Shuaibu, described the incident as painful and dismissed social media allegations that the family

attempted to bribe authorities to influence laboratory test results.

"The claims are false and unfounded. We have accepted the tragedy as the will of Allah and are not interfering with the ongoing investigation," he said.

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The Gombe State Police Command confirmed that investigations are ongoing.

DSP Buhari Abdullahi, the

command's spokesperson, said the suspect, identified as Zuwaira, has been in custody since the case was reported at the Low-Cost Police Division on February 1.

"Murder is an offence against the state and cannot be resolved through personal or spiritual decisions alone," Abdullahi stated.

He explained that police recovered the remains of the food eaten by the deceased and sent samples to the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON) for analysis.

According to him, Fauziyya began vomiting and complained of severe stomach pain after consuming the food allegedly sent by her co-wife, Zuwaira. She was rushed to the Specialist Hospital, Gombe, where medical personnel tried to save her life, but she later died.