

Jigawa man in custody for burning 60-year-old father to death

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A 27-year-old man, Kabiru Nuhu, has allegedly set his 60-year-old father ablaze in Kazaure Local Government Area.

PUNCH Metro gathered from a statement issued on Sunday by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Shi'isu Adam, that the suspect doused his father with a flammable substance before setting him on fire.

Adam said, "Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect, Kabiru Nuhu, poured a flammable substance, suspected to be petrol, on his father and set him ablaze."

According to the PPRO, the incident occurred on April 1, 2026, at about 6:30 a.m. in Magama Quarters, Kazaure town, Kazaure Local Government Area.

“The victim was engulfed in flames after being set on fire, and we received a report from a resident, which led to the prompt response of our team.

“The suspect was arrested with fresh burn injuries and wounds on his forehead, arms and toes,” Adam said.

He added that the suspect is facing charges of patricide, a serious offence under Nigerian law.

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The police spokesperson said the victim was rushed to the hospital but later died while receiving treatment.

Adam also confirmed that the suspect is currently in custody and will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department in Dutse for further investigation and prosecution.

He further quoted the Commissioner of Police, Jigawa State Command, Haruna Yahaya, as condemning the act and assuring the public that justice would be served.

“The police are working to determine the motive behind the attack. We urge residents to seek peaceful means of resolving disputes and to report any signs of domestic violence or conflict to the nearest police station,” Yahaya said.

The PPRO also urged members of the public to remain calm and cooperate with the police as investigations continue. He added that the command remains committed to maintaining peace and order in the state.

“We appeal to anyone with useful information to come forward and assist with the investigation,” Adam said.