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Parading the suspect before journalists, the state police commissioner, Alhaji Mohammed Dikko Abubakar, said the suspect was married for just five months before she gave birth to the murdered baby.

Alhaji Abubakar who was represented by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Maishanu, said apparently realising that the baby does not belong to her present husband, Sakina stabbed the baby with a six -inch nail, leading to the baby's death.

He pointed out that the suspect will be charged to court for culpable homicide when investigation is com-

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pleted. In an interview with *Daily Trust*, the suspect said she decided to kill the baby to avoid ridicule from her current husband and relations.

Sakina further explained that her husband had travelled when she was delivered of the baby, and she there-

fore used that opportunity to kill the baby since he would understand that he was not responsible for the pregnancy.

"The man behind the pregnancy has actually deceived me by promising to marry me but when he became aware that I was pregnant, he fled and all efforts to trace

him proved unsuccessful", she said.

Asked whether her parents were aware of her pregnancy before marrying her off to her current husband, Sakina said "how could I reveal that secret to them; if they knew they would seriously deal with me."

The police also paraded

a five-man armed robbery gang arrested by a highway police patrol team along Bichi Katsina road.

Items recovered from the gang include one Brownie pistol, four rounds of ammunition, two locally made pistols, four rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and four cartridges.

lages lost their lives in the last four days.

The Red Cross, he stressed, has been on ground since the outbreak and commended the efforts of the state government for supply adequate drugs but appealed for more as health workers have almost exhausted what their supplies.

According to him, only one reported case of unclaimed corpse has been recorded while the corpse has been deposited at the Specialist Hospital, Sokoto. He however said some Igbo traders came to claim the corpse but insisted they have to finalise funeral arrangements before taking the corpse away.

## Cholera kills 40 in Sokoto

About 40 villagers from Kwannawa in Dange-Shuni local government area of Sokoto state have so far died from gastroenteritis (Cholera) over the weekend.

The outbreak of the disease was reported to the Ministry of Health on Thursday by officials from Dange-Shuni local government as about six villages have so far been affected. Disclosing this to *Daily Trust* at the temporary medical camp, situated behind army barracks, Sokoto, the Deputy Director, Primary Health Care at the Ministry of Health, Sokoto,

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Alhaji Abubakar Khadi, said official figures of casualties as at yesterday stood at nine while a senior official from the Dange-Shuni local government council put the figure at 22.

According to Khadi, the Ministry of Health has been working round the clock and has been able to bring the situation under control. He said government has made drugs available "but I cannot say how much drugs have and far been used so if you say N2 million or N5 million you maybe on track".

The deputy director however said the cause of the outbreak is still unknown water samples from different wells where the villagers fetch water for domestic use have been taken while investigations are still being carried out.

However, the information coordinator of the Nigerian Red Cross Society in Sokoto state, Malam Ahmed Are Ashige, told *Daily Trust* that over 30 people have so far died since the outbreak of the disease, explaining that about nine people from Kwannawa died at the camp while over 22 from the surrounding vil-