

Son kills father over witchcraft allegation

Tragedy struck last Saturday at the old army barracks Suleja, when a middle-aged man killed his father. Neighbours told *City News* that Musa, before killing his father, had accused him of being responsible for the death of his sister, Asabe, through witchcraft.

An eyewitness, Christopher, said the deceased, Dillah, went to the shop of Asabe, his daughter, to beg for N500 to feed, which he said she gave him. He said Dillah went back to the shop the following day to show his appreciation.

Immediately he left his daughter's shop, she fell sick and went back to her house, *City News* was told. "Her condition worsened at home and she was rushed to a nearby clinic," Christopher said.

He said the girl died while receiving treatment at the clinic.

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Dillah heard of his daughter's death, he went to her house and was beaten by some sympathisers. He said after the beating, Dillah went to a drinking spot before returning home at around 7pm to rest.

When his son returned from work and learnt of the incident, another round of trouble started.

"The son picked a knife, went inside his room and stabbed his father in the stomach," he said.

Christopher said the son used a stick to beat his father continuously on his head until he was satisfied that the man had died. Musa believed his father was also responsible for the death of five of his children and his two wives, he added.

According to him, all of

them mysteriously died of the same ailments: headache or fever.

Solomon, Musa's friend, said Dillah's children knew he had witchcraft powers and that Asabe was reluctant to give her father the N500 to feed.

"She was scared to touch her father's hand. After she gave the money to him, she later told her brothers about it, and informed them to ap-

prehend him if anything happened to her," Solomon said.

According to him, whenever Dillah was confronted with the allegation of killing his children, he accepted, claiming they were his. Confirming the incident, the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) of 'B' division of Suleja police station, Musa Yakubu said the suspect had been taken to the State CID for further investigation.

FCT bulldozers clear debris of demolished structures

Bulldozers belonging to the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) yesterday rolled into Area one to clear the debris it left behind after demolishing makeshift structures in the area two weeks ago.

The area which was used by mechanics and other small business operators like food

sellers, phone operators are located near a CONOIL filling station.

Observers said they were surprised when the bulldozers rolled in as they could not figure out what business they had again in the area after destroying the illegal structures in the area. One of the security officials, who ac-

companied the bulldozers, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Abuja that they were there to clear the place to prepare it for fencing.

He said that government intended to fence the area, hence the need to clear it properly. According to him, if nothing is done after the

demolition the owners of the structures are likely to start erecting new ones after some time. Government wants to secure the place and ensure that it is not tempered with again," he said. NAN reports that all the debris left there after the demolition were heaped at different spots and set ablaze.