

# Man, 22, kills father over marriage

**T**wenty two year old Sani Sule of Ruggar Fulani in Gadawa Village of DanMusa Local Government Area of Katsina State Saturday killed his father, Sule Jafa'ru with an axe for refusing to succumb to his pressure to allow him to marry.

The man, according to *Daily Trust* investigation, had for the past two years been pestering his father to give him money or a piece of land to farm and pay for his marriage but the father declined and at a point even gave him a sound beating.

*Daily Trust* gathered that the father had instead, married a 15 year old girl (Na'ima) and sent his 40 year old wife (Laure) packing.

The anger led the young Fulani son to sneak into his father's room at night with an axe while the father was asleep with his new wife, Na'ima and hit him twice on the chest and hand before quickly escaping.

Na'ima said the father made an effort to catch the

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son by pursuing him outside but fell in front of the hut, where he died.

An older brother of the deceased, Hardo Rabo Dashe said the matter was reported

to him only for him to rush and find the lifeless body of his brother. He organised for the arrest of the son who was ~~tured and caught at Tashar Biri~~, a neighbouring village.

When contacted, the police Public Relations Officer,

ASP Adamu Yusif confirmed the incident and said already the matter had been taken to a senior magistrate court for cognizance upon the confession of ~~the accused person~~, who he said is now in prison custody.

## Katsina probes financial misconduct in agri-schemes

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**F**ollowing allegations of gross abuse of office and mismanagement of funds leveled against the leadership of the four agricultural schemes of fish and bee farms, irrigation and women livestock programmes, the Katsina State government has set up a 12 man committee to probe their activities.

The programmes were initiated in all 34 local government areas by the Yar'adua administration under the department of local government and chieftaincy affairs then headed by a permanent secretary, Abu DanMalan Karofi (*Raya Karkaran* Katsina) who formed cooperatives and handed over the affairs to

them with about N70m as take off grant. There were complaints over the inability of the present administration to sustain the programmes which many thought would lead to their eventual collapse. The government however called for a stakeholders meeting on the programs yesterday.

In a release signed by the press secretary to the department, Abdulhamid Danjuma, the special adviser to Governor Shema on local government and chieftaincy affairs, Nasiru Shargalle had while addressing the stakeholders said, the probe was not meant

to blackmail or witch-hunt anybody.

The special adviser said the previous administration initiated the programmes to reduce poverty and over dependence on government as well as creation of jobs for able bodied youths and women, a motive which the present administration is also committed to.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Katsina House of Assembly committee chairman on local government and chieftaincy affairs, Salisu Isiyaku said the Assembly would not fold its arms and watch selfish individuals sabotage government efforts at improving the lives of the people.