

Man kills octogenarian over fowl

The police at Bwari are investigating why a man, Bisallah Tanzako killed an octogenarian over a cock at Shere Village of Bwari Area Council.

The Octogenarian, Haruna Abubakar (Alias Tsoho) was said to have complained to neighbours on Monday that his cock that normally wakes him for Subhi prayers in the morning was missing.

A neighbour told our reporter that the old man kept asking neighbours one by one until he met Bisallah, who murdered him.

The neighbour said he confronted Bisallah at home and never came out alive.

The suspect told our reporter on his hospital bed that the elderly man agreed to pay him N7,000 to clear a plot of land and gave him N4000 as part payment, promising to complete the balance.

He said after doing the job, the elderly man did not pay him the balance, adding

Auto crash claims three at Ahoko

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah & Mustapha Suleiman

Three persons lost their lives Wednesday morning in a ghastly motor accident that occurred along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

The accident which happened at Ahoko village, near Kotonkarfe town, involved a Mercedes Benz car with registration number NV970 AAA and a Daf truck with registration number XT 716ABC.

According to eyewitnesses, the crash was caused by the driver of the truck, who overtook dangerously and rammed into the Mercedes car, killing all its occupants instantly.

City News learnt that it took over four hours before the bodies were removed from the car FRSC Abaji unit's rescue team, who responded to the distress call early.

Abaji FRSC's Unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, blamed the truck driver for reckless driving and dangerous overtaking.

He disclosed that the corpses were deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue.

By Hamisu Matazu

that he met him on Sunday and was asked to come the next day.

"The next day, he was not around when I visited his house in the morning and I told the women in the house that Tsoho said I should collect a fowl, which she gave me," he said.

According to the suspect, the elderly man saw him and followed him to his house, where he attacked him with

a knife.

"We fought for a while before I knocked him down and the next thing that happened was that one Dan Fulani came in and other persons started beating me until the police rescued me," he added.

Mallam Haruna Ibrahim, a neighbour of the deceased, said the late Tsoho came to his house around 7 am, asking of the whereabouts of his fowl.

"As we were searching for the cock, Bisalla quickly

came out from his house and we heard the crow of a cock from inside the house and rushed in to ascertain if it was in there," he said.

He said the suspect, who also followed them advised them to the next apartment before they heard another crow from the same cock and Tsoho went deeper into the suspect's home.

"The suspect locked the door against the elderly man and the next thing was that the old man was screaming

and I shouted for help," he disclosed.

Ibrahim said he sought the assistance of two Igbo men staying with the suspect, but they ignored him.

"I stationed people to watch the place before rushing to my house for a ladder, after which I used the ladder to climb into the suspect's compound, where I saw him holding an axe," he said.

He said he dodged the first blow of the axe that the suspect aimed at him and disarmed the suspect before opening the door for people to see what he did.

"Immediately I opened the door, the suspect jumped the fence in the compound and

fled into the bush and was caught by residents of the area, who pulled him out of a stream that he was hiding.

Abdullahi Ibrahim, who hails from the same place as the suspect, said Bisalla is a notorious person and was caught doing bad things on so many occasions.

At the Bwari Police Station, an officer revealed that the suspect was rescued from a mob and taken to the General Hospital Bwari, where he is responding to treatment.

"The case will be transferred to the FCT CID for further investigation since it is a murder case," the officer revealed.



The suspect Bisallah Tanzako at the General Hospital, Bwari, Tuesday. Pic: Hamisu Matazu.

Drama as woman tells court to dissolve marriage

By Abubakar Yakubu

Spectators at a Kuje Grade 1 Area Court were yesterday stunned when a mother of four children told a judge to dissolve her marriage because she is tired of it.

The Obagyi woman, Esther Baba had told the court that she had no serious problem with her husband and that he provides all her needs.

"I am just not interested in the relationship and want to rest," she said.

The husband, Solomon Baba, who expressed his shock at Esther's statement pleaded with the court to give time to reconcile with her but Esther shook her head and shouted 'no way! I am done with the marriage'.

After listening to both parties, Judge Jamilu Abdulkadir took time to lecture the woman on the benefits of keeping her home.

He said every responsible woman stays in her husband's house, adding that once a woman leaves her husband's house, she has no moral basis to rest.

According to the judge, courts were not set up to separate married couples but to find ways in settling them.

"I will therefore not be in a haste to end the marriage believing that reconciliation can be struck between the couple," he added.

The judge gave the husband one week to reconcile with his aggrieved wife, adding that if the reconciliatory moves fail, the court will decide on the next line of action.

Judge Abdulkadir adjourned the case to January 19 for hearing.

Hotel workers charged for cheating

By Usman A. Bello & Hadiza A. Hamidu

The alleged cheating case preferred against seven staff of Rock View Hotel yesterday continued with the prosecutor arguing on a motion earlier filed by the accused person's counsel, asking for some documents from the hotel.

Defense Counsel, P.A. Ejiofor had asked the court to compel the hotel to make some document available to the counsel.

The accused workers, Gambo Ohankwa, Sunday Adabor, Kelechi Apari, Thelma Ubaeyi, Lovely

Obabueke, Jesica Ezike and Chineye Ani were alleged to have conspired and defrauded the hotel to the tune of N7.5 million.

They were also alleged to have checked in guests in some companies' accounts, when in fact such guests were not workers in the companies and did not deserve the discounts that accrued to the said companies.

According to the prosecutor, the workers alleg-

edly collected money paid by guests that lodged in the hotel and instead of remitting it to the hotel's account; they converted the money to their personal uses without the hotel's consent.

The workers' counsels led by P. A. Ejiofor had in a motion filed on November 20, 2008, argued that the document when made available will enable the defense counsels argue their case diligently.

Documents sought for consists of individual and company discount files, company card for reservation,

personal files of the accused persons, daily business summary reports, deposit and refund receipts, among others

Prosecutor Sani Yakubu filed a counter affidavit to the motion, urging the court not to grant the defense counsels their wish.

He said the accused persons are not entitled to the investigation report because it is an internal memo of the police authority, adding that the documents requested for by the counsels, are operational books that will disrupt the hotel's op-

erations if released.

"The counsels can use extracts from the book that has been provided by the hotel for them to defend their clients," he argued.

He said some other staff arrested along with the accused persons refunded their share of the money taken from the hotel during police investigation.

"This confirms that the allegation is not false," the prosecutor said.

Magistrate Lamido Kabir adjourned the case to January 21 for both counsels to address the court.