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Nigeria: Woman Kills Daughter at New Nyanya

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A young mother, Aniedi Akpan Monday morning killed her four-year-old daughter in a bizarre manner that left neighbours of their apartment at New Nyanya, in Nasarawa State shocked.

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The daughter, Favour D.O. Akpan, had her head smashed with a big stone that left her brains spilled out.

A family source said the mother had a mental problem and was undergoing prayers in order to cure the ailment.

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He said two days before the brutal murder, Aniedi's hair was barbered because of its bushy nature and on Sunday, demons started troubling her to the extent that she went to the toilet up to five times.

"Aniedi stayed with her mother, Ifreke Akpan and throughout Sunday night, she will ask her mother to accompany her to the toilet and on each occasion the lady insisted that the mother stays in front while she follows behind but the mother insisted on her being in front," the man said.

He said when the toilet going became numerous and the mother could no longer accompany her, the lady tried to persuade her mother to sleep but the mother refused and started praying for her.

According to him, 'the mother was frightened that her daughter decided to look at her instead of sleeping and the next morning (Monday), a Pastor was invited into the home to pray for the lady and after prayers the insanity subsided and she went out of the house'.

The family source said the Aniedi came home after some minutes and told her mother to take her to Calabar to see her late father's people.

"Aniedi's mother told to her to relax so that she can gather money for the trip and the next thing was that Aniedi attacked her with a wood object and struck her twice on the head, before hauling a large stone at the elderly woman, who fled to get help," he said.

The source said when the mother returned with help, Aniedi's daughter was dead with her head smashed open, which made the elderly woman faint.

He said Aniedi after committing the murder went straight to the New Nyanya Police Station to report her self as well as requested the policemen at the counter to shoot her dead.

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Our reporter learnt that the suspect is the daughter of a former staff of Central Bank of Nigeria that died leaving his family in comfort at New Nyanya, while the suspect's lover was not known to the family.

The lady's mother refused to talk to the press yesterday and pleaded that she

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be left alone to face the problem that her daughter has caused.

At the New Nyanya Police Station, a police officer said the matter has been transferred to the Nasarawa State Police Command at Lafia.

He linked the suspect's problem to insanity and said such problem has a trace in the suspect's family.

"The suspect has confessed while the object used to murder the child was also recovered and both have been taken to Lafia because it is a homicide case," the police officer said.

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