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The Taraba State Police command has arrested the leader of a vigilante group in Jalingo, the Taraba State capital, for allegedly beating a housewife to death.

Sani Abdullahi, the suspect, is currently being detained at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Taraba State Police command in Jalingo.

Confirming the incident to Weekly Trust, Taraba State Police Commissioner, Musa Aliyu, said the suspect was arrested following a complaint by the family of the deceased woman, Aisha Abubakar, 22. Aisha, a resident of Palace Way, Jalingo, was said to have approached the vigilante group leader, Sani Abdullahi, demanding the payment of her N6000.00 owed by the latter.

A hot argument was said to have ensued between the two leading to the severe beating of Aisha by Abdullahi who was later joined by four of his group members. Following the death of Aisha, an angry mob marched to the office of the vigilante group in Jalingo and set their vehicle ablaze. It took the timely intervention of anti riot policemen to avert a breakdown of law and order.

In a swift response to the incident, the Chairman of Jalingo Local Government Council, Ubu Mairiga, issued a statement banning the activities of vigilantes.

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