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Man murders wife, son

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A 35-year-old resident of Kura Local Government Area of Kano State, Sulaiman Muhammadu Inuwa, has allegedly killed his wife Shafa'atu and their two-month old baby after a short argument. The incident occurred around 5pm on Saturday in Kura town.

Daily Trust gathered that the suspect was enraged when his wife complained that he did not take much care of the baby boy. The baby had been sick for a while and that Sulaiman often had to rely on his relatives to raise money to buy drugs for the child.

Confirming the incident, Deputy Police Commissioner Tanko Lawan said Kano Police Command was aware of the incident and had arrested the suspect immediately after the killings.

A source in Kura town told our correspondent that the mother of the suspect Iya Rakiya had earlier in the afternoon of the fateful day went to a nursing officer in the village to prescribe drugs for the ailing baby. After the prescription, the old woman proceeded to a chemist where she bought N300 worth of drugs.

After arriving at the son's house, Iya Rakiya was said to have delivered the drugs to late Shafa'atu, who thanked her for her courtesy and care. It was gathered that shortly after she had left, late Shafa'atu began to chastise her husband for failure to take care of the baby.

The source said when the altercation between them ensued, angry Sulaiman was said to have grabbed an iron rod in the compound with which he beat both mother and son.

Another source in the village said the suspect did not deny committing the murder when his relations queried him. "He said plainly that he committed the crime and he even showed the relations the rod he used to kill his wife and son," said the source.

The mother of the suspect, Iya Rakiya, however told our correspondent that after she delivered the medicine she went out a while to ease herself but before her returned, her son had already killed his wife and his baby boy. "Here lay the bodies of my wife and my son," she quoted her son as telling her.

She said her son, who married late Shafa'atu recently, was a caring person who loves his family. "They eat together always. They hardly exchanged word, at least in my presence. So I wonder how this catastrophe befell me," he cried.

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