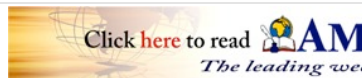


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Boy, 11, stabs mum to death in Kano

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Tragedy struck the densely populated neighborhood of Rijiyar Lemo in Kano metropolis when an 11-year-old boy stabbed his mother to death yesterday.

The deceased, simply called Yaya, had been scolding her wayward child recently for stealing but the boy Usman ignored his mother's warnings and continued with the pilfering.

But early yesterday morning, Usman came home with sunglasses, which he allegedly got from their neighbours. Seeing her child with an item that does not belong to him, she queried him and threaten to kill him with a knife should he continue. Usman did not take his mother's threats lightly as he grabbed the knife from her hand and began to stab her.

According to Usman's younger sister, Nafisa, who witnessed how her mother was slain, Usman first stabbed late Yaya in the hand, then her stomach and later stuck the knife in her eye.

An eyewitness, Saifullahi Abdulhamid, said he was the first to witness late Yaya lying in a pool of her own blood. He said she was rushed to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital where she was declared dead on arrival. Confirming the incident, Public Relations Officer of Kano Police Command, SP Baba Mohammed said the young boy first informed the police that his brother had killed their mother.

He said the police have arrested both brothers and investigation into the matter is on.

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