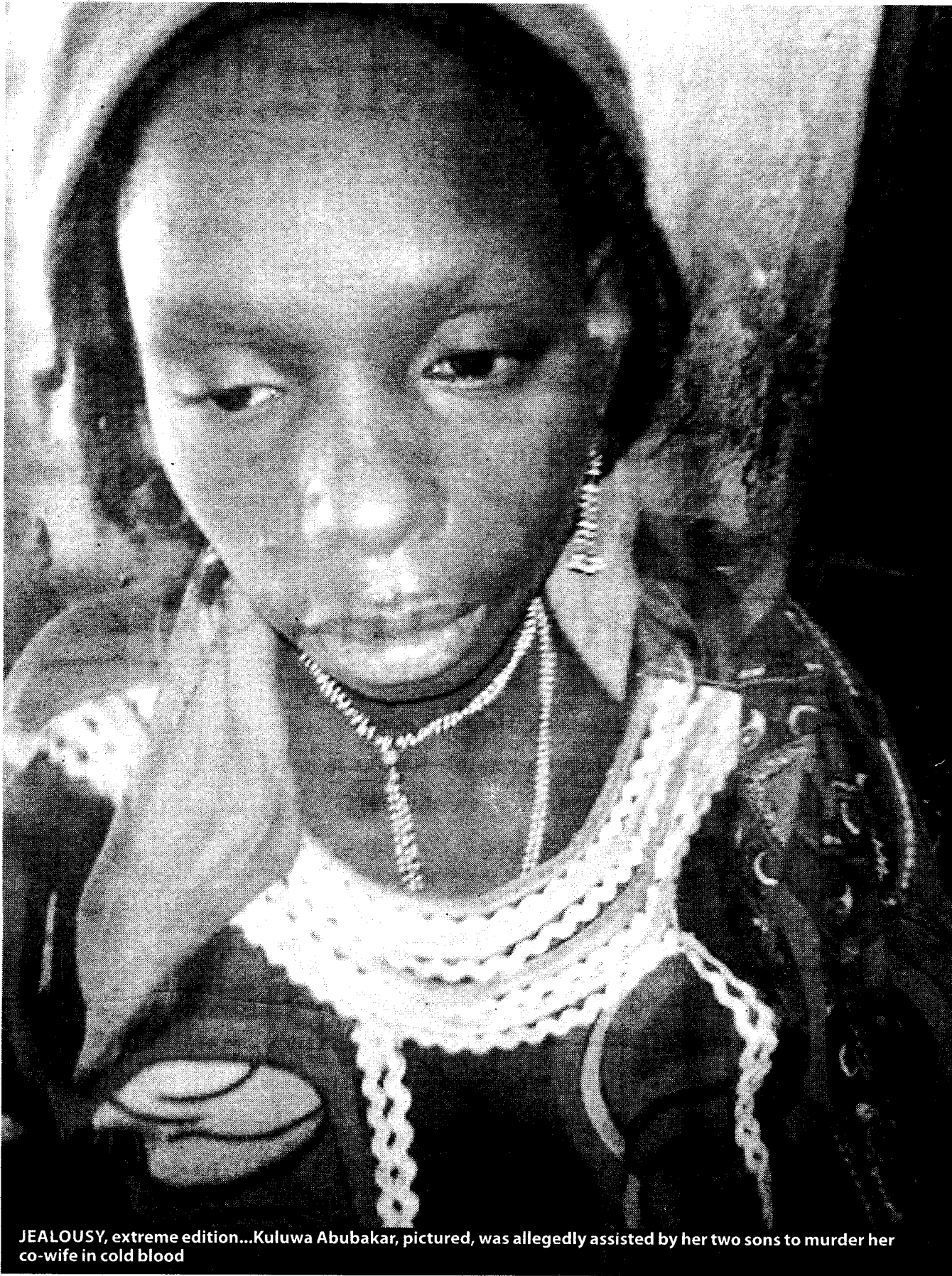


How woman, 2 sons beheaded co-wife

Jealousy between co-wives is nothing new. But when taken to extremes previously unheard of, the result is murder most gruesome as an enraged housewife and her two sons proved. **Weekly Trust** reports.



JEALOUSY, extreme edition...Kuluwa Abubakar, pictured, was allegedly assisted by her two sons to murder her co-wife in cold blood

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TRAGEDY struck the peaceful town of Rubo Madaki area of Kagara where anger and jealousy pushed a housewife, Kuluwa Abubakar and her teenage sons, Buba, 12, and Umaru,

13, to murder her co-wife, Halima. The Fulani settlement in Kagara area was thrown into panic when the death blow fell on the second wife of Malam Abubakar Yeti and her son, Yusuf 13, who were both victims of the vengeful and jealous Kuluwa. The killers took advantage of the absence of the man of the house, Malam Abubakar Yeti, *Weekly*

Trust gathered.

It was gathered that the first wife who could not tolerate what she believes to be preferential treatment her husband gives the other wife, felt that killing her would remove her from the scene so she can have the husband to herself alone. Kuluwa, mother of seven children, was said to have hatred for her

co-wife because her husband was used to sending the deceased's daughter on errands instead of her sons, an indication that made her submit that her husband was more in love with the other woman.

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"I am so surprised at what my first wife did. After so many years of marriage, I couldn't believe that she would cold-bloodedly take off the head of Halima, while helped by my children. I have only heard of things like this but have never in my life seen such a scenario. I was shocked to see my wife and child in a pool of their own blood," he sobbed.

He said that he had never treated his wives differently, adding that he had always imbibed the dictates of Islamic

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injunctions in taking care of his wives without fear or favour.

He disclosed that the build-up of events that led to the act was not communicated to him, adding that the whole matter is still hazy as he had no knowledge of what was coming to him and the entire family.

He said that if he had any inclination of what was going on between his wives, perhaps he would have settled it amicably without the situation getting out of control to the extent that family members will die.

Malam Yeti, who said that his daughter would have also died, intimated that she got several cuts but managed to escape and that she is now receiving treatment at the Kagara General Hospital. He said that his worries are for his children who were dragged into the act, adding that his first wife should be made to face the full wrath of the law.

"God knows that I have been fair to both wives. Government should take whatever action they want on the matter but I pity my two kids involved. I know they were only dragged into the act", he said.

The Niger State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Richard Oguche, stated that Kuluwa was nabbed in Zamfara by police days after committing the crime where she took refuge. He stated that the police will investigate the matter to ascertain the cause of the incident, adding that those remotely connected to the act will be dealt with.