

'How bride stabbed self to death'

Inuwa Wada Garba, Lafia

TRAGEDY struck in Sabon Pegin Shabu, in Shabu development area of Nasarawa State, where a bride used a knife to stab herself to death. It was not readily clear why she stabbed herself but residents believe she might have been hurt emotionally.

The incident occurred around 2pm of last Sunday, as the groom Joshua Yamusa told *Weekly Trust*. He said his bride, named Tina Joshua took ill



TINA Joshua...tragic bride

penultimate Friday after which she was taken to a hospital in Nasarawa Eggon. She was, however, discharged the following day.

Joshua, who works at a skill acquisition centre in Wamba, said that shortly after returning home on that fateful day, Tina asked him to buy guinea corn from the market for her to prepare kunu, a local soft drink so that she could entertain guests who would visit them that Sunday.

He said after she finished preparing the drink, she sent for her relative who is married and resides in Unguwar Rere, on the road to Assakio town. He said from there he stepped out, leaving her together with his younger sister Sati. Joshua said he didn't hear anything from until when his sister called to inform him that his wife had died.

Sati Yamusa told *Weekly Trust* that they were sitting in the living room together with the sister of her brother's bride who came from Unguwar Rere when Tina passed them and headed towards the bathroom.

She said shortly after, she also headed towards the bathroom to ease herself thinking

that Tina might have finished using the bathroom. But upon reaching there, she saw Tina lying in a pool of her own blood. "One of her hands was inside her stomach while the other was holding her intestines," Sati said.

She said from there she started crying for help so that the attention of the people of the area can be drawn to the scene. The residents came and helped to take Tina to the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital in Lafia.

Pastor Usaini Mako John, who was among the residents that took Tina to the hospital, told *Weekly Trust* that both the bride and her groom were his church members, he wasted no time in informing the police. The police later found the knife the bride allegedly used in stabbing herself to death.

Spokesman of the Nasarawa State Police Command ASP Cornelius Ocholi confirmed the story, saying investigation has since commenced. He urged the public to stop resorting to suicide at the slightest provocation.

Meanwhile, *Weekly Trust* investigation revealed that late Tina Joshua, who hailed from Alogani in Doma local government area of Nasarawa State, got married less than two months ago to Joshua who is also from the same ethnic group.

It was also learnt that late Tina was quarrelling peacefully with her husband, who also said he had no rival while seeking for her hand in marriage.

The husband told *Weekly Trust* that he was searching for a teaching job for his wife because that was what she specialized in. "That was however not to be," he said.



JOSHUA Yamusa...bereaved groom

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SATI Yamusa...sad sister-in-law

Woman dies saving sisters from drowning

Adamu Umar, Abuja

A 21-year old woman identified as Rashida Muhammad has died trying to rescue two of her siblings - Amina and Raliya - from drowning in a river in Karmo, a suburb of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

The incident happened last Thursday when Amina, 11, and Raliya, 13, went to the river to swim, according to Zakariya Danladi, one of the people who helped to recover the corpses from the river.

Danladi told *Weekly Trust* that Amina and Raliya were recovered lifeless, while Rashida died on her way to the hospital.

He said when the incident happened and those standing close-by realized that Rashida, who went to rescue her sisters, also got missing, "they came to where we were standing, explained the situation to us and asked us to help. We went there immediately and spent some time looking for them before we finally found them. The two were dead while the eldest was still breathing. Shortly after their parents arrived and took them to the hospital. I think she gave up there."

He said what they heard from the remaining kids was that they went there to pick up *tafasa* leaves, but the two sneaked to the river at Unguwar Impresit in old

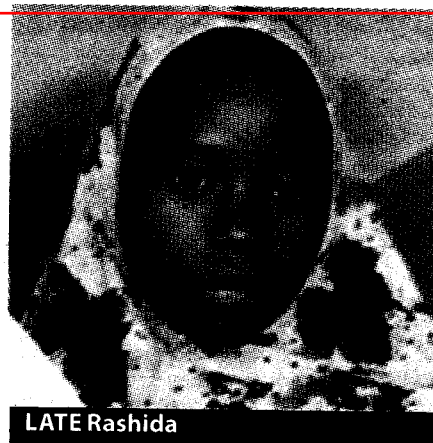
Karmo.

Father of the victims, Malam Muhammad Tijjani, who hails from Gurbin-Maikomo village in Tsafe local government area of Zamfara State, who resides in Hausawa street in Karmo told *Weekly Trust* that the incident occurred around 5pm of last Thursday while he was away at the farm.

He said he was informed of the sad development around 6pm, "after coming here, so we took them to the hospital, but while we were about to enter the hospital, we were told that they have all died.

The accounts heard by *Weekly Trust* from the girls' parents and those who brought out their bodies from the river said the part of the river where they were found was the deepest, and that the river was notorious. They said even after the death of the three girls, an Ibo boy narrowly escaped from drowning in the river where he claimed that he leg was held. They also said that there was another primary school pupil who died before he could be rescued. Already people are deserting the place save those engaged in sand excavation.

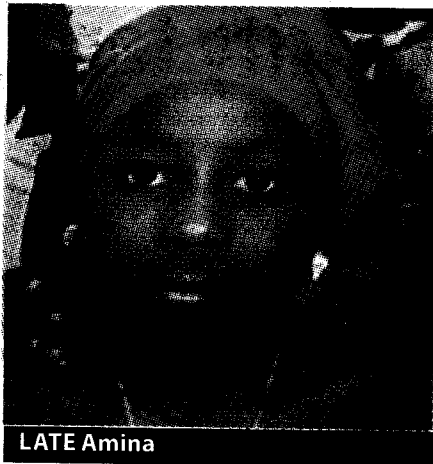
One of them, Ado Ali, told *Weekly Trust* that the river is very deep, adding that even before the rainy season sets in, the river is always deep to the extent that sometimes they won't be seen from outside even after raising their hands.



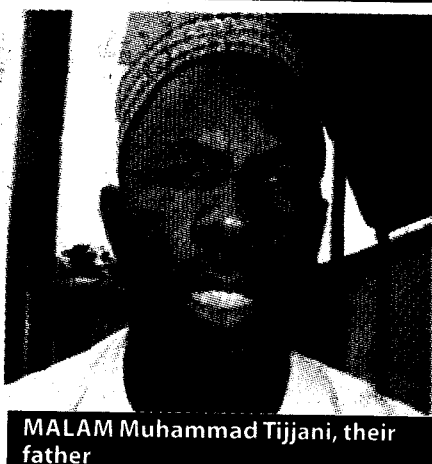
LATE Rashida



LATE Raliya



LATE Amina



MALAM Muhammad Tijjani, their father