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WIDOW, DAUGHTER ARRESTED OVER NASARAWA MONARCH'S DEATH

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The widow of Gom Mama, a paramount ruler in Nasarawa State and her daughter, as well as three other suspects, have been arrested in connection with the death of the paramount ruler.

Alhaji Zubairu Adamu was found dead on February 15, the day he was supposed to take a second wife.

He was found dead in his Gom Mama palace in Farin-Ruwa area of Wamba Local Government Area.

Daily Trust learnt yesterday that following the death, the deceased first son asked a close friend of the paramount ruler, the Oriye of Rindre, Alhaji Musa Nagogo, to take a look at the corpse before it is interred.

It was learnt further that when Alhaji Musa noticed that the deceased had foams around the mouth, he instructed that the body be taken to Jos Teaching Hospital (JUTH) for autopsy. Our correspondent reports that the result of the autopsy showed that the late paramount ruler was poisoned.

Sources said an empty bottle of insecticide alongside a syringe and needle were found in the room where he was found dead.

The development, it was gathered led to the arrest of the paramount ruler's widow, Hajiya Amina, who is a nurse in one of the hospitals in the state.

Daily Trust also learnt the paramount ruler's daughter was arrested and detained alongside her mother, first at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Lafia, before they were transferred to Zone IV command of the police in Makurdi, Benue State for further interrogation.

Sources said three other persons were interrogated and also detained at the CID in Lafia. One of the suspects is the paramount ruler's body guard, who, on the night he died, was said to have left his sleeping quarters on the instruction of the widow.

When contacted, state police command spokesman, ASP Umaru Ismaila, confirmed the development, adding that report on the police investigation report will soon be released. He added that the police will charge the suspects to court as soon as the report is out.

The state Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftain Matters, Mohammed

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