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FATHER OF 4 ACCUSED OF KILLING WIFE

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A middle-aged man and father of four was alleged to have brutally murdered his wife at Karmo, a suburb of Abuja yesterday morning.

The man was also accused of cutting off the hand of a neighbour, who tried to prevent him from killing his wife.

FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, who confirmed the incident to our reporter, said their marriage was marred with so many problems over time.

She said the deceased had a shop in front of the house she used to share with her husband and several times the man had threatened to kill her if she didn't stop coming to the shop.

"When the going was good, the deceased had a shop where she sold petty items for the family's upkeep. After their separation, she maintained the shop but the man was not happy about her progress. He continued threatening her until that morning when he asked the deceased to leave the compound but she ignored his threat," she said.

The PPRO said when the man noticed that the wife ignored his threat; he ran into the house, carried a cutlass and came after her.

She said a neighbour, who also has a shop in the compound, tried to prevent him from using the cutlass on his wife, but he cut off his hand before cutting the wife's neck.

"When the police was contacted, policemen were sent to the scene but the man was nowhere to be found although the woman was rushed to the hospital where she was confirmed dead," she added.

Daniel said the police will not rest until he is apprehended and advised couples to walk out of a relationship happily instead of killing their mates.

When City News visited the household, a neighbour of the deceased, one Mallam Ahmed, said the couple had been having problems before the incident and that the deceased moved out from her matrimonial home with her children some years back.

"Their marriage was full of drama and the man was always beating his wife. There was a day he tied her up and used hot iron on her, so she ran away from the house with the children. She single handedly trained her kids who are grown up now.

"The shop is where she makes the money to train her kids, so she refused to leave the place until that morning when the man came and asked her to leave his compound but she refused to respond. The man ran inside, brought a cutlass and pursued her, she ran into a neighbour's shop, who used his hand to prevent the man from hitting the wife

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but the man instantly cut off the neighbour's hand and the neighbour ran off then he descended on the wife," he said.

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