

Teenager arrested for killing own son in Plateau

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...Mother paraded for killing child

On November 17, 2015, 19-year-old Balang Ishaya Mafwahai was asked to watch over his four-year-old son by his live-in girlfriend, Gloria. Ishaya was said to have prepared pap for the child, Bwesaf Palony, but allegedly added a poisonous substance and fed the boy with the mixture.

Ishaya, who is also a farmer, our correspondent learnt, left the house to a nearby shop where he waited for his son to take his last breath.

While parading Ishaya and other criminals at the Jos police headquarters, the Commissioner of Police, Adekunle Oladunjoye, said detectives from the Special Crime and Investigative Division arrested the suspect at Mbar

village in Bokkos LGA.

CP Oladunjoye said Ishaya had used "D.D force insecticide to poison his four-year-old child."

The suspect did not deny the allegations but told our correspondent that he and his live-in girlfriend, Gloria, who is the mother of the dead child, had often argued about the paternity of Bwesaf even before she moved into his home.

"I had told her from the beginning that it was not my child she was carrying but she insisted and her people brought her to stay with me." When asked if he killed the four-year-old because he was not his biological father, Ishaya said "it is not so, I can't

tell you why I did what I did but I just want the public to know that such a thing will not happen again."

Like Ishaya, 21-year-old Salome Samuel was also paraded for throwing her day old infant child from a storey building, an allegation she admitted but said the child was already dead when she threw him out of the window. Salome in a muted voice said she was impregnated by a military officer, one Francis, deployed for peace operation in Shonong, Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The young woman had felt rejected and alone after her soldier-boyfriend rejected her when he learnt of her condition and was said to have been

transferred to a destination she did not know.

"I became friends with another soldier, his name is Jibrin, and he allowed me to come to Jos, where I gave birth on the 10th of December 2015," Salome said.

She told our correspondent that she hid her pregnancy from her parents, relatives and friends who did not know her whereabouts until she was arrested by security agents.

"I gave birth alone but after that, I noticed the child was dead so I threw him out the window. I don't know what possessed me to do what I did but I did it and I am sorry for what I have done," she said sobbing.

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