

**NIGER**

# Son sets mother ablaze

Abubakar Akote, Minna

**A** woman has been set ablaze by her son in Minna, Niger State.

The woman, Comfort Jiya, a retired principal, died yesterday after spending a few days in the hospital.

A source close to the family said the suspect, Steven Jiya, a suspected drug addict had returned from Suleja to meet his mother in Minna.

The source, who pleaded anonymity, said the suspect met the deceased in the kitchen at her residence in Darusalam Area in Minna where he poured petrol before setting her ablaze last Monday.

The source said the woman died at about 3pm yesterday at Minna General Hospital where she was receiving treatment.

Another source alleged that Steven had made several attempts to harm his mother but succeeded when he set her ablaze.

When contacted, the Niger State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun was not reachable for comment.

But *Daily Trust* gathered that Steven has already been sent to remand by a Minna High court after being arraigned by the GRA Police Division Minna.