3-year-old dies after rape by 49-year-old neighbour in Kano

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● Parents demand justice

The parents and relatives of three-year-old Khadija Adam popularly known as Yasmin who allegedly died after being raped by a 49-year-old neighbour identified as Baba Idi are demanding justice.

The culprit, a resident of Lungun Haliru Mai Ruwa of Gama Quarters, Nassarawa Local Government Area of Kano State, was said to have committed the offence on September 26.

He was, however, arrested on September 29 following a complaint lodged to the police by the victim's father.

Daily Trust gathered that the victim's mother, Jamila Adam, noticed blood in her private part while bathing her, and on inquiry, the baby said it was Baba Idi who had been doing something to her, and he threatened to kill her and feed her to a cat if she told her father.

Idi had allegedly invited her to a single room attached to the deceased residence and raped her.

Yasmin was later taken to the police headquarters to identify the suspect and when she saw him, she burst out crying out of fear.

"After she narrated to me what Baba Idi had done to her, she pleaded with me that I should not tell anybody because he said he will kill her.

"She was in severe pain, her health condition worsen when she saw him and she kept on calling Baba Idi. We rushed her to the hospital but she gave up before reaching there. She died repeatedly calling his name. Doctors said she died of heart attack," the distraught mother said.

Our reporter obtained and sighted the medical report that confirmed Yasmin's penetration.

Speaking, the father of the deceased, Adam Muhammad, demanded justice for his daughter.

"This is an act of inhumanity for a neighbour to have committed this act. All I need is justice."

When contacted, the police spokesperson in Kano, SP Abdullahi Haruna, said he had yet to confirm the case and promised to get back.

He had yet to do so as of press time.