

Man arrested over killing of own cousin in Kaduna

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Abdulazeez Idris, a resident of Angwan Juma'a in Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State, has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping and killing his 6-year-old cousin.

The deceased, identified as Aisha Saidu, was on her way to Islamiyya school when she was abducted.

She was said to have recognised her cousin who in turn used a razor blade to slash her.

Despite this, he went ahead to place a ransom demand of N8 million through an unknown caller who identified himself as

the perpetrator.

According to ASP Mansur Hassan, the state Police Command's Public Relations Officer, the incident occurred on February 12, 2024.

Hassan said the victim's father, Mr Saidu Dahiru of Angwan Juma'a, Zaria, notified the Zaria City police station that his daughter was missing.

In a statement released on Sunday, the police spokesman said, "The case was transferred to the Anti-kidnapping Unit of SCID Kaduna, where they traced and arrested the perpetrator, identified as Abdulazeez Idris, in Makarfi Local Government

Area.

"The suspect confessed to the heinous crime, admitting to slaying the innocent child by brutally slashing her neck with a razor blade because she recognised him and then disposing of her lifeless body in a well."

He further explained that the Commissioner of Police, CP Audu Dabigi, had assured the public that the case would be diligently investigated to ensure justice is served for the minor and her grieving family.

He also stated that the suspect will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is completed.