Teenage Boy Accused Of Stabbing 'Mother's Rival' To Death In Kwara



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A 17-year-old boy, simply identified as Malik, has allegedly stabbed his mother's co-wife, Falilat Yusuf, to death around Danialu, Gaa Akanbi area of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

The incident, it was gathered, happened shortly after the congregational Friday prayers.

A neighbour, who preferred anonymity, said, "A woman was stabbed to death in her house. I am not sure of the exact time, but it was around 2pm when I heard people screaming and rushing to the house. She is popularly known as Iya Ganiyat and her husband is Alhaji Gani.

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"She was stabbed multiple times on her neck allegedly by a young man, who is the son of her husband's concubine. The boy has been arrested and taken to the police station."

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When Daily Trust visited the scene of the crime on Sunday, residents said Malik, whose mother is said to be the intended second wife of the deceased woman's husband, had lived in the same neighbourhood, though in a different house also rented by their mutual husband.

Teslim, one of the sons of the deceased, said Malik had been warned not to visit their home due to recurring incidents of theft. He said he encountered him outside their compound on the day of the incident, making suspicious hand gestures.

"The moment our eyes met, he ran away. When I entered the house, I found my mother in a pool of blood. I raised an alarm that attracted the neighbours and family members.

"Malik returned shortly after, having changed his clothes. Traces of blood were found on his shoes before he was apprehended and handed over to the police."

Another neighbour, Mrs Omotayo, said the late Falilat Yusuf, who sold potatoes, had earlier abandoned her shop following threats and rising tension.

The deceased has since been buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

When contacted, the spokesperson of the Kwara State Police Command, SP Ejire Adeyemi Adetoun, did not confirm or deny the incident but requested for a message.

She was yet to respond to the text message sent to her as at the time of filing this report.