

Man kills four kids, attempts suicide

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It was indeed a sordid tale yesterday in Kawo New Extension, a suburb of Kaduna metropolis, when a 53-year-old man went berserk, slaughtering four of his children who were believed to be ages eight, six, four and two-three males and a female.

The perpetrator of the unfortunate incident, which occurred at about 4.p.m, Mallam Saleh Magaji, attempted suicide by slitting his throat but was rushed to the hospital for attention.

During a visit to the emergency ward of Saint Gerald Catholic Hospital, Kaduna, Magaji was seen in the pool of his blood with a dip cut on his throat.

The corpses had been deposited at the hospital's morgue.

It was however learnt that the wife, who escaped the attack, reported the incident to the police.

Contacted, the spokesman for the state's Police Command, Abubakar Zubairu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the killings.

"The wife came to report to us, and when police got to the house, they met the house locked. But the police called on the Mai Ungwan (village head) of the area to witness as the police forced the door open.

"When they opened the door, they saw the four dead bodies of the children. And police also discovered that the man scrolled something against the wall within the room, alleging that his wife had tried to poison him, and since she could not succeed, he decided to kill all members of the family, including himself, so that all of them can go to heaven," he said.

Zubairu added that the command had begun investigation into the matter.