

Mother, grandmother allegedly feed dog with unwanted newborn baby

ONE Muhammad Bello, 45, a teenage girl and three others, have appeared before a Chief Magistrate's Court in Katsina State for allegedly killing a baby born

out of wedlock and feeding a dog with the corpse. The Police Prosecutor, Inspector Altine Ragiji, told the court that the incident occurred at Saika village in Bat-

sari Local Council of the state.

According to Ragiji, a traditional ruler in the town reported to the police that a 15-year-old teenage girl

(names withheld), gave birth to a child out of wedlock.

He explained that upon investigations, Muhammad Bello, 45; Musa Bello, 35; Umar Bello, 27; and the girl's mother, Faiza Umar, 30, were arrested in connection with the case.

Ragiji revealed that the accused persons, conniving with the girl's mother, confessed to have killed the baby and gave it to the dog to eat.

He said the teenage mother further told the police that she was lured by one Musa Garba, 30, to his farm and forcefully had a sexual intercourse with her about 10 months ago.

"Since then, I missed my men-

struation and later delivered," the girl told the police during investigations.

The accused persons were charged for "an act done with intent to prevent a child from being alive after birth" contrary to sections 85, 235 and 387 of the Penal Code. The Chief Magistrate, Nura El-Ladan, said the case was brought to the court for cognisance.

El-Ladan directed the police to conduct further investigations on the matter.

He also ordered for the remand of the accused persons in prison custody.

The court adjourned the case to August 8 for further mention.

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tor said: "I am new in this place, I was posted here a few weeks ago, I met the building on ground, but from my observation, there are structural challenges, which we are trying to handle."

It was, however, gathered that the senior pastor and

millions of naira. The fire, which occurred in the early hours of the morning completely razed a church building, seven houses, vehicles and other valuables.

The fire occurred when a tanker fully loaded with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) lost control and

crime, Senator Fatai Buhari has commiserated with victims of the fire incident.

Senator Buhari, representing Oyo North Senatorial district, in a statement said the incident was quite unfortunate and prayed God to restore their loss. "I was shocked when I saw the extent of the damage done by

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