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Army recruit found dead in lover's house

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A fresh recruit into the Nigerian Army, Patience Amos Ya'u, has been found dead in the room of her boyfriend in Damilu, a community in Jimeta, Yola North local government area of Adamawa State.

The 23-year-old Amos is believed to have died following a scuffle between her and her boyfriend, Ali Muhammed Wakil, whose claim to being a military personnel is being doubted. It was gathered yesterday that although Patience might have died as far back as January 12, it was not known until some days later when smell from her decomposing body alerted neighbours.



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Patience was newly recruited into the Nigerian Army with her peers already training at the Military Training Depot in Zaria two days after her death, but the boyfriend claims to be a military personnel serving with 68 Reference Hospital Yaba, Lagos.

Neighbours said they had heard voices of Patience and Ali Wakil in his room but did not know that anything grievous was happening. One of the neighbours told newsmen: "Residents became suspicious when we could not see the lady for three days. What worried us more was the terrible odour from their room.

"What compounded the situation was how the door of the room was locked from the outside, a development, which compelled people to forcefully open the window of the room only to discover the body of the female lover already decomposing."

The discovery of the Patience's body forced neighbours to report to the palace of the ward head who took the matter to the police, who in turn traced the father to his house in Bachure, a community separated from Ali's Damilu by a major street. The deceased's father, Amos Ya'u, explained that his daughter left his house to plait her hair but did not come back. He said they had called her on phone that evening and she told them that she would be returning home.

He said they called her line later on Sunday but it was not going through, adding that since that day, they heard nothing from her until four days later when a police officer came and informed him of her death. The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Suleiman Nguroje, confirmed the killing adding that the suspect had since been arrested and interrogated by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

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