

Meanwhile, the police in Zamfara State have confirmed the arrest of a 25-year-old man, Aminu Bala, for allegedly raping and killing his elder brother's wife in Gusau. SP Mohammed Shehu, the command spokesperson while parading the suspect on Monday, said Bala had already confessed to the crime.

Shehu said the suspect hailed from Damaga village of Maradun Local Government area of the state. He said: "The Tudun Wada Area Command, Gusau on June 15, at about 04.30 hours, received a distress call from Damba quarters of Gusau metropolis that the suspect had killed his brother's wife.

"The police immediately rushed to the scene and discovered the victim, Hauwa'u Iliyasu in the pool of her own blood having suffered from multiple machete cuts. She was then taken to the Yariman Bakura Specialist Hospital, Gusau where she was certified dead by doctors."

The spokesman also said the police had contacted the victim's husband, Kabiru Bala via phone call. "He was not in the state, but told the police that the suspect had once threatened to kill the victim," he said.

Shehu said that the command was awaiting the arrival of the victim's husband and his written statement which would form part of evidence before the suspect would be prosecuted in court.

Hauwa'u left behind two children including, a nine-month-old baby.