

Court remands nursing mother for killing husband

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A Magistrate's Court, sitting at Iyaganku in Ibadan, has ordered that a nursing mother, Damilola Opeyemi, be remanded in the Abolongo Correctional facility, Oyo Town for allegedly stabbing her husband to death over dinner.

The magistrate, P. O. Adetuyibi, refused to take her plea because of the issue of jurisdiction as Damilola was charged with murder.

She said the remand order was pending legal advice from the Oyo State Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Consequently, she adjourned the matter until September 27, 2023 for mention.

The Police prosecution, Inspector Olalekan Adegbite, told the court that Damilola on July 4, 2023 at about 8.30p.m. caused the death of her husband.

Adegbite said: "The couple, who lived at Adogba Ajegede area of Ibadan, stabbed to death her husband, Oluwashina, 27, during a fight over dinner."

The offence contravened the provisions of Section 316 and punishable under Section 319 of the Criminal Code Laws of Oyo State 2000.

"We had to rescue her on Thursday from her aunt, she beat her mercilessly, but thank God, she did not blind her but she is injured in the eye. We are taking her to the hospital this morning."

The aunt brought her from the East to somewhere along Rukuba road and she has been beating this girl, locking her up too. She also has scars all over her body.

"When our staff went there, she had locked her up in a zinc house where she keeps her goats. The girl is looking forward to going back to meet her parents in the East."

The coordinator appealed to citizens to stop human rights abuses, reminding them that when apprehended, the available laws like the Child Rights law, Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP), Gender and Equal Opportunities (GEO) and others, which have been domesticated in the state would be used to prosecute them.