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Mob Kills Teenage Girl For Blaspheming

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A teenage girl has been stoned to death at Izom village, Gurara Local Government Area by those suspected to be Muslim fundamentalists for circulating leaflets allegedly defaming the name and person of Prophet Mohammed in a mosque.

The outrage the incidence has generated has forced the state government to set up an inquest into the circumstances leading to her death.

The lady whose identity could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report was said to have gone to a mosque where she circulated leaflets which allegedly contained sentences against Prophet Mohammed viewed by the Muslims as blasphemous.

The actions of the girl according to *Daily Independent* findings sparked off protest by Muslims in the area when as they demanded that the girl be stoned to death.

Not too comfortable with the position of the youths, some religious leaders and elders within the vicinity took the girl to a nearby police station for safety as tension mounts.

It was however impossible for the police to save the life of the girl as suspected Islamic fundamentalists stormed the police station demanding that she be brought out or the police

station be burnt by the youths whose number kept on increasing by the seconds.

To prevent blood shed, the police according to an eye witness account shot several canisters of tear gas into the air to scare the crowd away but could not achieve much as all entreaties proved abortive as they mounted demand for the girl's head which they eventually got by storing her to death and inflicting injuries on the police officer that made attempts to secretly smuggle her out of the station.

Meanwhile, the state Governor, Engineer Abdulkhadir Kure has directed a joint partnership of the police and community leaders in the area for a full scale investigations into the cause (s) of the murder of the girl.

The governor who paid an emergency visit to Izomto ascertain the extent of damage caused by the youths expressed shock that the youths took laws into their hands on religious grounds.

Kure who paid an emergency visit to the scene of the killing in the company of the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ernest Ibhaze and the Emir of Suleja, Alhaji Awwal Ibrahim and some top government functionaries appealed for calm among the dwellers as government will unravel the circumstances that led to the killing.

Suspecting that the incident which led to the killing of the girl may be the handiwork of some unseen forces trying to ferment trouble in the state, the governor who was visibly disturbed by the brutal murder of the unidentified girl also assured the people that government will ensure that those found to be in one way or the other connected to the killing will be brought to book to account for their actions.

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