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70-Year-Old 'Witch' Beaten To Death

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Mrs Liyatu Michael, a 70-year-old woman, who allegedly confessed to witchcraft was beaten to death by an irate youth in Doka community in Bauchi state.

However, one Keiziya, another woman who also confessed to witchcraft in the same community, survived the beating and is presently receiving treatment at

an undisclosed hospital in the area.

It was gathered that the build-up to this stage for the women began when they allegedly confessed that they have used their witchcraft to cause numerous premature deaths and setbacks in the community.

Liyatu, a mother of eight children and Keiziya were rounded up by the youths and taken to a room where they were beaten to pulp in the presence of their helpless children and family members.

Our correspondent learnt

that the youths were specifically angered that the duo was allegedly behind the grave illness of a young house wife in the community identified by our correspondent as Yelkon.

"Yelkon has been bedridden and seriously sick immediately after she gave birth and we learnt that her illness was caused by the two women who confessed to have "tied her" in the coven and would be sick until she dies," said a resident of Doka who pleaded anonymity said.

Kamal Mohammed, police

spokesman for state said the incident occurred at Doka village in Bauchi Local Government Area of the state in September 5, 2017.

According to Mohammed, the suspects seized the deceased, Mrs Liyatu Michael and another elderly woman whom they suspected of witchcraft to a room in a house in the community and started beating them.

Mohammed said that report reaching the police indicated that on realising that one of the women had died, they took her lifeless body outside the room

and dumped it in the backyard

He added that one of the victims identified as Keziya survived the beating and has been hospitalized.

However, four suspects linked with the death of the woman have been arrested by the police, while others are still at large.

This is even as the police image maker said that the police is investigating the circumstances that led to Liyatu's death, while the four suspects would soon be charged to court for culpable homicide.