

Girl, 5, Raped To Death

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Tragedy struck in Sandamu Village of Sandamu Local government area, Katsina state, yesterday, when a five-year-old girl, Fatima Mohammed, reportedly died after being raped by yet to be identified person(s).

LEADERSHIP gathered that the little girl was certified dead at the Daura General Hospital where personnel reportedly confirmed that she had been raped.

Family sources told LEADERSHIP that the late Fatima went to the Islamiyya school and returned around 5pm complaining of fever.

"The mother asked her to go and lie down while she tidy up the house chores before attending to her. Shortly afterwards, the mother went into the room where she was lying down only to touch her and noticed blood all over her private part.

"Unknown to the mother, even at that

time, she was already dead," our source said, adding that she was taken to the Daura General Hospital which doctors certified her dead.

Our source said the matter had been reported to the Sandamu police.

When contacted, spokesman of the Katsina state police command, Aminu Abubakar Sadik, said he was not aware of the incident but promised to find out from the Sandamu DPO.