

# Fasting kills two in Lagos

**L**ESS than 48 hours to the end of the annual Christian fasting season, a mother and her son have died of starvation occasioned by fasting.

Two other members of the family are on danger list at the Gagada General hospital where they are receiving treatment.

The woman, Christie Temimah, in her early 50s and her 21-year-old son, Bobby, were said to have slumped and died at their resident at Block 32, Flat 3, in Maryland Estate, Lagos on Wednesday night while trying to round up prayers after the day's fasting.

The woman and her children were said to have returned from the United States of America in December last year.

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It was gathered that it was a tradition in the family to observe the 40 days spiritual exercise and that during the duration of the season; it was mandatory for everyone in the house to fast and pray.

Police source disclosed that, one Olowale Mudasiru, the Chairman of Maryland Housing Estate Association, Ikeja, went to Ikeja police station around 11:30 pm on Wednesday to report the incident.

According to the police, Mudasiru said that Alero Temimah, the daughter of the deceased woman, came to him around 8:30 pm to report that her mother and her elder brother have died in their house.