

## 'I killed my hubby because of hatred for marriage'

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A housewife, Fatima Abubakar, arrested in Borno for allegedly killing her husband, Goni Abbah, with poison, told News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that she killed her husband because she was tired of the marriage.

The Commissioner of Police, Abdu Umar, said the suspect was arrested on October 19 by men of the Command at Anguwan Doki.

Umar said the victim, who was the Chief Imam of the area, returned from the mosque when the suspect, who was the second wife, allegedly mixed poison in his food.

He explained that as soon as Goni started eating, his condition deteriorated.

The victim, he said, was immediately rushed to the State Specialist Hospital where he was given emergency medical attention, but unfortunately he later died when they returned home.

Fatima said she never wanted the marriage, stating that Goni was her second husband.

She said: "I got separated with my first husband because I hate marriage. Anytime I wake up with the fact that I am married, it pisses me off. At some point, I had to run to my parent to demand an end to the marriage but they always sent me back, asking me to be patient.

"At some point, two months after I gave birth to my child, I ran away and slept in an uncompleted building for about two weeks. I later returned to my husband's house. Not that he doesn't treat me well, we are also not quarrelling. We are two in the household, I am his second wife and I have been married to him since 2021. But I just hate when any man comes near me.

"I don't really know what is wrong with me. Even now that I am speaking to you, I don't really feel that I was the one who killed him," she said as she broke down in tears.

The commissioner of Police said the suspect, in her statement, confessed to the alleged crime, noting that she bought the poison from Monday Market when she already made up her mind to kill him.

He said the case had been registered as culpable homicide before the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions before she would be charged to court.