

Woman who sets son ablaze arrested in Sokoto

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A 35-YEAR-OLD woman, Asma'u Ibrahim, has been arrested for allegedly killing her adopted son, one Mohammed Mubarak Bala.

Bala, aged 10, was set on fire for unascertained reason by his foster mother sometime in May this year.

According to Alhaji Sa'idu Madawaki, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Sokoto State Police Command who briefed newsmen on the incident, Asma'u who before her arrest was living at No. 9, Bunza Road, in the Sokoto State metropolis adopted the child who was formerly under the care of the state's Orphanage Home.

He said that on the 23rd July, 2010 the command received information from concerned citizens that the suspect had deliberately tied her adopted son (now deceased) with a rope in her house and set him ablaze.

He said that as a result the boy was badly burnt and was rushed to Usmanu Danfodio University Teachin Hospital, Sokoto (UDUTH) and later died at Sokoto Clinic while receiving treatment on the 20th of July.

The deputy commissioner said that the case was still under investigation and as soon as it was over she would be taken to court for prosecution.

However, the suspect who refused to speak to the press was overheard saying, "Haba! kamar Nayi Kisan Kai" meaning "have I committed homicide?"

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