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Man found dead in well: Wife denies involvement

From MOHAMMAD

IBRAHIM, Kaduna

AMINA Zubairu, the wife of the Director of Works in Kudan Local Government Area of Kaduna State, late Alhaji Zuabairu Lawal whose burnt body was found inside a well penultimate week, at his Kinkinau residence, has denied any involvement in the death of her husband.

It was gathered that since the incident was reported in the media it generated public outcry with some people blaming the wife for having a hand in the killing.

According to her, God will judge her accusers.

"I have been hearing all what people have been saying about me. Some even followed me to the village, saying all sort of things about me. But I told them I left everything in God's hand

to judge."

Amina said, "I have been with him for six years without harming him, why should I do it now. People should not forget that he was the father of my two children and so why should I kill him? I have no hand in his death," she said

Amina, who spoke to *New Nigerian on Sunday*, at the State Police Command Headquarters, said she did not hear anything the night her husband was gruesomely murdered.

She said when she saw the fire coming out of the well, she never knew it was a her husband that was burning because she taught he had gone to the mosque to pray that morning.

"That was why I ordered one of his boys to pour water in the well in order to quench the fire, because the well was covered with smoke. It made it difficult

for him to see what was inside the well," she explained.

The deceased's younger brother who accompanied her to the command headquarters, Nasir Lawal, while shading more light on the issue, said two weeks before his brother's death, they met at Zaria where he informed him that he had been under pressure by some politicians in the local government.

"Two weeks before he died he came to my house in Zaria and told me that some politicians were pressurizing him to issue them contracts and that he did not know what to do. So, advised him to be patient and prayerful," he said.

Nasir stated that based on their family investigation they were not blaming his late brother's wife for the killing because they knew her for quite some time, adding that "we as his family members were more convinced that his killers were outsiders," he said.

Mother in police custody for slaughtering her baby girl

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THE residents of Gatari Road, Unguwar Shanu, a small community, in Kaduna metropolis, were penultimate Monday morning thrown into confusion and disbelief when the shocking news came to them that a 19 year old girl, Fatima Shuaibu (a.k.a Fati) was accused of slaughtering her newly born baby girl and dumped her in a dustbin in the area.

It was learnt that the incident came to the people living in the area as a big blow, as many were seen running to the scene to have a glimpse of the baby girl which was discovered in a spaghetti carton by a

coming out from the carton that was kept there for about two days without anybody checking the container, until the youth who were disturbed by the order decided to check what was in it that was smiling badly.

"When we checked inside we saw a lifeless body of the baby inside the box with a deep wound around her neck and stomach which made us believe the mother or the person that brought her there must have slaughtered her before dumping her in the dustbin," said Ibrahim who was among the youth that opened the carton.

with no baby to show.

Ibrahim who was a recharge card seller opposite the suspects house told *New Nigerian on Sunday* that on Thursday night he saw Fati's mother together with Fati's younger brother with a carton but that he did not know what was in the carton.

"I saw them with a carton but I did not know what it contained. They later came back and went straight into their house. Few days later we discovered the body in the carton," he added.

It was gathered that the cloth used in crapping the lifeless body of the baby that was wet in blood was responsible for the bad odour and the wrapper helped in identifying