

Man kills teenager for talking to

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RESIDENTS of Pepe Road in Abakwa, a suburb of Kaduna metropolis, woke up last week Monday morning in disbelief when a middle aged married man, Malam Basiru, was alleged to have killed a teenager Yusuf Saidu, for talking to his wife.

The suspect, a father of five, was said to have used pestle to hit the deceased severally on the head on Sunday night around 9 pm when the deceased visited his friend that was living in the same compound with the suspect.

Investigations revealed that the suspect warned late Yusuf to stop talking to his wife each time he went to visit his friend, an order he obeyed.

But on that fateful day late Yusuf who just got admitted into Air force training school that day visited his friend at the house as usual where it was said that he greeted the people in the compound which did not go down well with the husband who was said to be at home then.

It was alleged that after Yusuf left the house on his way back home around 9 pm the suspect followed him to a narrow pathway and hit him with a pestle on the head which made him unconscious.

It was learnt that there was never a quarrel between Malam Basiru and the young man, apart from the warning that the young man should stop greeting or talking to the suspect's wife. In fact, they said late Yusuf did not only stop talking to the wife as required by the husband, he also tried to avoid the husband too.

New Nigeria on Sunday gathered that the young boy was discovered by some passersby in the pool of his own blood after he was attacked by the jealous husband.

"When we first saw him on the floor, we taught he was one of the drunkards until we move closer to him that we discovered it was Yusuf. We called his name but he was not responding and so we rushed him home from where he was taken to hospital," said one of the boys that picked him up.

Yusuf gave up the ghost after all efforts by the doctors at Barau Dikko Hospital, Kaduna to save him failed.

The incident really sent fears into the minds of the residents because many could not see the rationale behind the killing.

Our reporter who visited the family compound of the deceased along Rafin Dadi Street reported that Yusuf's elder

his wife

sister, Hajiya Bara'atu Saidu could not believe the circumstances that led to her younger brother's death.

According to her, they were together with him on that fateful day before he received a phone call and went out.

"I was with him that very night around 7 pm when he received a phone call and all of a sudden he told me he was going out. I tried to persuade him to eat but he refused. In fact, I enquired to know why he came back from the training in the first place but he told me the training has not fully commenced, that they only underwent a medical check up only for me to hear that he was found injured," she said.

According to Bara'atu, when Yusuf left her, she went to see a friend off only for her to receive a call that there was trouble at home.

"I received a call from an unknown number that I should come back home there was problem, when I got back I saw Yusuf in his pool of blood surrounded by a crowd in front of the house. I called his name but he did not respond so I put him in my car and rushed him to Barau Dikko hospital, it was there he died.

"I could not imagine what the man was thinking to take such a drastic decision on my late brother, what would Yusuf do with a woman with five children, a woman that is as old as his mother. There is no way we will forgive his killer," she said.

It was gathered that the

suspect's wife was the person that exposed her husband as the prime suspect that committed the crime. It was learnt that she went to the deceased's family house in tears to inform them that her husband has always told her how he hated Yusuf just because he used to greed her and other members of the house each time he visited his friend.

She was said to have described her husband as a very jealous man that hates seeing people talking to her.

All efforts to speak to the suspect has proved abortive as he was said to have ran away.

Contacted the Kaduna State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Aminu Lawan said he was not aware of the incident.

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From MIDAT B. JOSEPH,
Kaduna

FORMER minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) who is now a chieftain of Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), Mallam Nasir El-Rufai, was arrested yesterday morning and detained for hours by the State Security Services upon his arrival from United Kingdom.

New Nigerian on Sunday gathered yesterday that, El-Rufai, who accompanied his

20 die of cholera in Plateau

From BUHARI B BELLO,
Jos

NO fewer than 10 persons were reportedly dead following an escalating cases of cholera outbreak in five local government areas of Plateau State, said ministry officials.

Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Health, Mr. B. Jacob, disclosed this while on the assessment tour to some of the affected areas accompanied by the state Director of diseases control, Mr. B Alex, who lamented the speed with which the disease spread to some parts of the state.

According to him, the ministry is making some frantic efforts with the W.H.O and other medical experts on how to ensure the immediate control of the epidemics to other parts

of the state where medical doctors had just concluded their five months strike action which nearly paralyzed the sector.

He urged the affected local governments which included Bassa, Jos North, Jos south, Pankshin and Shendam Local Government chairmen to vote huge amount of money to prevent the diseases in their areas.

According to him, the ministry has so far selected laboratories at Dadin Kowa

13 killed

From TINA PHINEAS,
Yola

IT was a black weekend for the people of Jabbi, a village, suburb in Adamawa State, when a heavy duty truck carrying over hundred drums of petrol swerved off the road and exploded, killing thirteen and