

Woman, son arraigned for stabbing lady to death

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THE Bauchi State government on Thursday arraigned a woman, Azumi Abubakar and her son, Yakubu Musa, now at large before a Bauchi State High Court for allegedly stabbing a lady, Aisha Yunusa, with knife and subsequently burnt her to death.

State counsel, Garba Abdullahi from the Bauchi State Ministry of Justice filed a two-count charge of criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide punishable with death against Azumi Abubakar and her son who is now at large, both of Tani Yola village in Bauchi Local Government Area of the state, saying that the crime was contrary to Sections 96,97 and 221 of the Penal Code Laws.

The state counsel informed the court that on January 19, 2013, one Sale Gardama of Tani Yola Village reported to Toro Divisional Police Station that Azumi Abubakar and her son, Yakubu Musa, now at large, criminally conspired and killed his daughter, Aisha Yunusa, burnt her and abandoned the corpse in the farm of one Abubakar, alias Mai Harawa.

According to Gardama, the accused stabbed the deceased with a knife near her nose and burnt her to death.

Meanwhile, when the case was mentioned, the accused told the court, presided over by Justice Aliyu Baba Usman, that she had no lawyer to defend her as she had no money to engage the services of one.

This development prompted Barrister Idris Jibo, who was in the court as of the time her case was mentioned to volunteer to serve as her counsel under the Community Rescue Initiative, a non-governmental organisation. He subsequently pleaded with the court to adjourn the case to enable him to meet with his client before she was arraigned.

This, the presiding judge agreed with and, therefore, adjourned the case till December 16, 2013 for proper arraignment and ordered the accused to be remanded in prison custody.

