

## 1 Jealous man allegedly stabs girlfriend to death in Bauchi

**T**RAGEDY struck in Bauchi on Friday when a jealous man, simply identified as Solomon, allegedly stabbed his girlfriend, Patience Zakkari, to death for picking a phone call from another man.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the incident occurred around 1.30 a.m in the house of the deceased, located at Gwallameji area of Bauchi metropolis.

A source who pleaded anonymity recounted how the deceased narrated the incident to him before she

gave up the ghost.

He explained that the deceased and her boyfriend, who were known to be in a serious relationship by people in the area, had a heated argument when the deceased received a phone call from a male friend in the middle of the night.

"She narrated to me before she died that everything happened at about 1:30 am on Friday morning.

"She said she received a phone call from just an ordinary male friend and her boyfriend got jealous, started harassing her verbally, and that as she was try-

ing to explain to him, he pounced on her and started hitting her.

"She took a bottle, hit him on the head in self defence because the beating was too much for her, and the man picked up a knife in response and stabbed her at the back.

"She said she lost a lot of blood before she was rushed to a clinic in the morning where she was treated and brought back home in the evening, when she narrated the incident to me.

"Unfortunately, when I left the place, I heard that the wound degenerated and

she was rushed to a hospital where she eventually gave up," narrated the source.

Another source, Mercy Cif-fat, told NAN that Solomon, who was living two blocks away from his girlfriend, had taken to his heels after carrying out the act, and is now at large.

She said that the deceased was a National Diploma (ND) graduate from the Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Kamal Abubakar, confirmed the incident to NAN, adding that the owner of the clinic where she died had been

arrested.

He also assured that the command was on the trail of the culprit and would soon be apprehended to face the wrath of the law.

"I can confirm to you that the incident is true; we got the information from a good Samaritan that this was what happened in Gwallameji.

"When the incident happened, without informing the police, her friends took her to a clinic for treatment because the boyfriend stabbed her twice.

"However, the clinic also treated her without in-

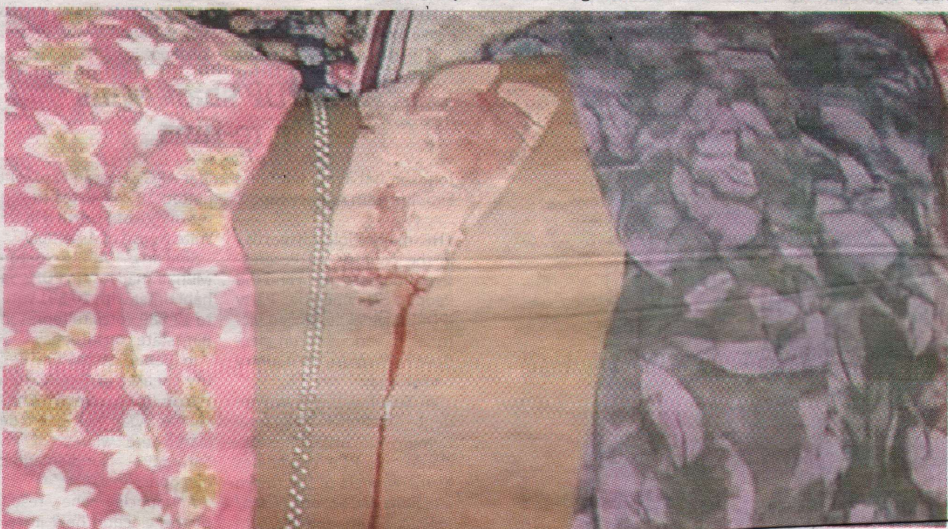
forming the police and discharged her the same day.

"When the thing became worse, they took her back to the clinic where she was put on a drip and eventually gave up.

"We have arrested the owner of the clinic and the staff that treated her because they did not inform the police.

"We have apprehended the suspect and he is currently undergoing interrogations.

"He will be thoroughly investigated and charged to court for culpable homicide," said the PPRO.



The remains of a girlfriend; Patience Zakkari, allegedly stabbed to death by a jealous man, one Solomon, at the deceased house, Gwallameji area, Bauchi metropolis, on Friday

## 2 9 dead in Bauchi, Delta auto crashes

**Ishola Michael and Alphonsus Agborh**

SIX people who were said to be related have been killed in an auto accident which occurred on Saturday along the Dass/Bauchi Road in Bayara, a suburb of Bauchi metropolis, just as another three passengers were killed in an auto accident in Delta State.

In Bauchi State, a source told the Nigerian Tribune that the victims were on their way to the state capital from Dass, when the incident occurred.

A source narrated that the vehicle in which the victims were travelling lost control and veered off the road

to phone number of the agency's Head of Operations did not connect as of the time of filing this report.

In Delta State, the alone accident involved a Delta Line transport company at the Otulu Junction, along the Asaba-Onitsha expressway in Delta State, claiming three lives.

Eight other passengers were seriously injured in the accident that occurred around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the bus was coming from the Onitsha side of the road in top speed when one of its tyres burst, thereby making the driver lose control and the vehicle headed