

# Young bride who killed husband regains freedom after seven years

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A young bride, Rahma Hussein, who killed her husband after being forced to marry him, has regained her freedom after seven years.

She was set free from the Kano Correctional Centre by the Committee on Prison Reforms and Decongestion.

It will be recalled that Hussein was in 2014 arrested and charged to a high court in Kano for stabbing her husband to death a day after their wedding.

It was noted that Hussein, who was 16 years old at the time she committed the offence was said to be forcefully married out to her husband.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Correctional Centre in Kano, Musbahu Kofar-Nassarawa.

Similarly, 30 other inmates from various custodial centres in the Kano State were

set free by a committee led by Justice Ishaq Bello.

It is recalled that Justice R. A. Sadik, in his judgment in 2018, ordered that Hussein be "detained at the pleasure of the governor of the state" because she was forcefully married and committed the offence at 16.

However, Kofar-Nassarawa disclosed that her release was "based on the recommendation from the officials of the correctional centre who attested to her good behaviour and industry."

The committee also advised the governor of Kano State, Abdullahi Ganduje, who holds the power of prerogative of mercy on her judgment to consider the circumstances that led her to commit the offence and grant her pardon.

The statement further disclosed that Governor Ganduje, following this recommendation, obliged the advice and granted her pardon.