

Woman arraigned for allegedly torturing housemaid to death in Plateau

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A mother of two, identified as Mrs Nneamaka Nwachukwu, who allegedly tortured her 11-year-old housemaid, Margaret Joshua, to death, has been arraigned before a Plateau State High Court on a three-count charge.

Mrs Nwachuku, a microbiologist who works with the National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom, in Jos South

Local Government Area of the state, was alleged to have committed the crime in November when she forced the 11-year-old to sit on a container with hot groundnut oil, which burned her buttocks.

The girl later died in the hospital.

It was gathered that the deceased was among those who fled a community in Kebbi State as a result of banditry and was brought to

Jos to serve in the house of Nwachukwu as a house help with a promise by the latter to enrol her in school, which she never did.

Following the incident, the woman was arrested and charged to court by the state police command after an investigation.

Nwachukwu was arraigned before Justice B. Bassi of High Court 12, Jos, on a three-count charge of culpable

homicide punishable with death, contrary to sections 188 (A) and (B) and punishable under Section 189 of the Plateau State Penal Code Law, 2017.

She, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The court granted the oral application of the prosecution, just as the matter was adjourned till January 19, 2023 for the prosecution to prove its case.