

## Two men land in police net for killing woman accused of witchcraft

THE Biu Police Area Command in Borno State has detained two men in connection with the murder of a 50-year-old woman accused of witchcraft.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Yusuf Lawan confirmed the incident to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* via telephone interview on Saturday.

Lawan said the woman, Hajara Saleh, was killed on February 21 in Bantine community in Biu Local Government Area of Borno State.

He gave the names of the suspects as Ja'o Muhammad and Idrisa Muhammad.

The commissioner said the suspects allegedly conspired to kill the victim, accusing her of practicing witchcraft and bringing misfortune to the community.

Lawan said the woman sustained injuries on her neck, legs, and hands, resulting to her death.

He said that the police were alerted of the incident by a resident of Dadinkowa Gunda ward who reported the incident at about 11:00 a.m.

"Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered that the victim had already been buried according to Islamic rites by her husband, Saleh Bole, and other family members," the commissioner said.

Lawan explained that in spite of the burial, police investigators took the photograph of the remains and gather critical evidence.