

# Police probe farmer's death

**T**HE police in Auchi, Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State, are investigating the death of a woman who was allegedly raped and murdered in her farm on Saturday.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported that the 53-year old woman, Mrs. Abibah Abdulmalik, was found dead in the bush around her farmland with her clothes torn

## Man stabs friend to death

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**A** man, Ilyasu Butu, on Monday allegedly stabbed his friend, Yakubu Muhammed, to death with a knife over a minor disagreement.

While Butu was from Yarkanya village (Guruma town) in Gabasawa Local Government Area of Kano State, Muhammed is from neighbouring Zango village.

Ward head of Yarkanya village, Mallam Adamu, said that Muhammed was on his way to Yarkanya when he met Butu.

He alleged that Butu, shouted "Kwartawa," the former name of their village before it was later changed to Zango.

This, he said, caused a minor disagreement between the two of them.

He said the disagreement was later resolved by good Samaritans.

Later, Butu reportedly followed the deceased and stabbed him with a knife resulting in his death.

Butu was said to have immediately run away.

He was, however, later apprehended by the people of his village and handed over to the police for further investigation.

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Family sources alleged that she was tied, raped and strangled to death by her assailants in her farm located on the NNPC/Aviele Road, Auchi.

A family source said the woman left home for the farm early in the morning and that a search party was despatched to find her when she did not return home at the usual time.

The source said the search team saw her load prepared for her journey home but could not find her and subsequently a second group was sent to find her.

The source said the second group found the body in the bush near her farm.

"My mother was found dead with her mouth and nose tied and from all indications, she was prepared to come home from the farm when she was attacked and killed," the daughter said.

The husband, Mr. Abdulmalik, called for justice in the matter.

Meanwhile, the police in Auchi have promised that no stone would be left unturned to bring the perpetrators to book.

The Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Adamu Ngojin, who confirmed the story, said no arrest had been made in connection with the case but said the police were not sleeping over the matter.



•L-R: Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, M 81 Division, Nigerian Army, Maj.-Gen. Eugene Nwanguma, a on Monday. Photo: NAN