

11-year-old boy stabs mother to death in Kano

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AN 11-year-old boy stabbed his mother to death in Rijiyar Lemo, Kano on Friday.

An eyewitness, who would not want his name mentioned, told our correspondent that the deceased, simply known as Yaya, had been scolding her alleged wayward child (Usman) for stealing but this fell on deaf ears.

Last Friday, however, Usman came home with sunglasses, which he allegedly got from their neighbours.

Our correspondent learnt that when Yaya saw her child with the item, she queried him and threatened to kill him with a knife should he continue to bring home strange objects.

But, he pounced on his mother for daring to ask where he got the sunglasses from, according to the source.

Usman also allegedly grabbed the knife from her and began to stab her.

Usman's younger sister, Nafisa, who was also at the

scene of the incident, said her brother stabbed Yaya in the hand, stomach and later stuck the knife in her eye.

However, another eyewitness, Saifullahi Abdulhamid, added that he was the first to see Yaya lying in a pool of her own blood.

Abdulhamid explained that they rushed her to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano, where she was declared dead on

arrival.

Responding to enquiries on the incident, Police Public Relations Officer, Kano late Police Command,

Mr. Baba Mohammed, said that the boy first dashed to the police, alleging that their mother had been murdered

by his brother.

Mohammed, however, disclosed that the police had arrested both brothers and on investigation into

the matter had begun.

"We will inform you as soon as the police finish their investigation into the matter," he said.

FRSC to arrest private vehicles with govt number plates

THE Ekiti State Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission will soon start seizing private vehicles using government number plates, an official has said.

The Sector Commander, Mr. Francis Udoma, who made the plan known in

Ado-Ekiti on Sunday during an interview with the *News Agency of Nigeria*, said a special patrol squad would be set up to effect the plan.

Udoma said the commission would also arrest and prosecute people driving government vehicles

without authorisation.

He said "Vehicles with bogus number plates and those that are found to be carrying illegal number plates will be impounded during the exercise.

"The greatest worry is how to identify government

vehicles, because we have found that some people are using government number plates on their private vehicles illegally to evade arrest by security agents.

"What we found out was that some government officials were in the habit of driving government vehicles, leaving their drivers at home or elsewhere."

He advised traditional rulers to get FRSC approved number plates, stressing that anything outside this was unacceptable.

Udoma added, "We are trying to implement the law and everybody should be law-abiding, no matter his status.

"Investigations have shown that these illegal number plates are being used for criminal activities and we want to put an end to it in Ekiti State."

Udoma advised government drivers to always carry their licences, identity cards and authorisation to drive official vehicles.

Fuel attendants beat driver to death

Olalekan Adetayo, Akure

THE Ondo State Police Command has commenced an investigation into the death of a commercial bus driver, Ismaila Sani, allegedly in the hands of some fuel attendants in Ikare Akoko, Ondo State.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Aremu Adeniran, however, told our correspondent in Akure, the state capital, on Sunday that no arrest had been made yet in connection with the case.

A source in the town said

that the middle-aged man was beaten to death at a filling station close to the General Post Office where he went to refill his tank.

Sani was said to have successfully refilled the tank and paid for the transaction.

Trouble, however, started as he was about driving out of the station when a petrol attendant said that one of the N500 notes Sani used to pay was a counterfeit.

Although the driver was said to have attempted to change the note for him, the attendant still rejected the

offer.

This reportedly sparked off a hot argument that attracted the attention of other attendants in the station.

The disagreement later resulted into a fisticuff.

An attendant was said to have rushed inside an office in the station and returned with a plank which he used to hit the man.

The victim reportedly died on the spot.

His corpse was subsequently deposited at the mortuary of the State General Hospital located in the town.