

JEALOUS RIVAL ...Kills lover's husband

...Burns, buries corpse

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Nemesis has caught up with a man who killed the husband of his secret lover. The 45-year-old Abubakar Alfa allegedly sneaked into the man's farm to deal a deadly blow on his perceived rival whose name was given as Isa Amodu. However, a few days after committing the heinous crime, Alfa ran into police net.

Abubakar, it was gathered, was allegedly dating the late Amodu's wife. Not satisfied with the 'part time' affair, he decided to get rid of the husband to enable him have full possession of her. So, on that fateful day, Amodu reportedly traced the husband of his secret lover to the farm, hid himself in the bush to ensure that Amodu had started working before inflicting several cuts on him with a knife with broad blade. That was not all. Apparently to make sure he was dead, Abubakar was said to have sliced off the head from the body before setting the corpse ablaze. He hurriedly dug a shallow grave where he buried dismembered remains. He walked away from the scene hoping to realise his ambition of marrying Adjatu, wife of the deceased.

Police Commissioner, Saidu Madawaki who paraded the suspect before newsmen, said the suspect had been dating the woman for over a

year during which he enticed her with money and that it was when neighbours hinted the husband of the secret amorous affairs the wife was having with Abubakar Alfa that the husband went to threaten the secret lover.

Madawaki disclosed that it was at this point that the secret lover decided to finally take over the wife by doing away with the husband without the knowledge of the lover, adding that the secret killing was let out of the bag when the wife raised the alarm over the whereabouts of her husband.

The community raised a search party, which carried out an intensive to no avail. The team later discovered a shallow grave where the deceased was buried in his farm.

Speaking with newsmen,

the suspect who confessed that he killed the deceased blamed his action on ill-luck and blackmail.

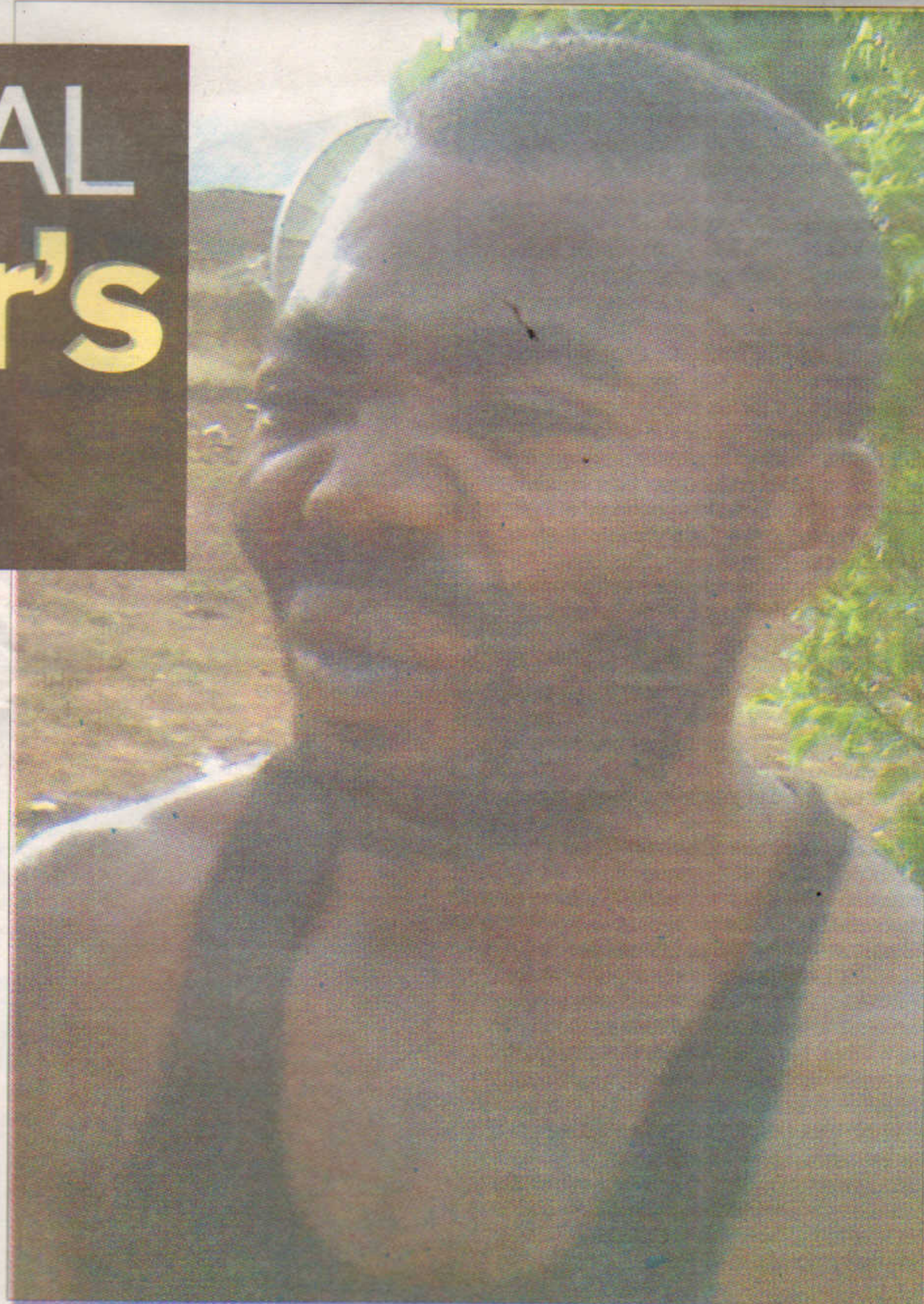
According to him, several attempts to engage a lady in the community had always met with resistance, as unknown persons will go to the family of the would-be bride to blackmail him.

The accused alleged that the deceased first hit him with a cutlass before he retaliated and in the process overpowered him.

Abubakar admitted that he knew the woman in question, but denied having any sexual relationship with her.

Madawaki said the suspect will be charged to court for culpable homicide.

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Plateau government, traders at war over demolition of market

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Without any doubt, this is not the best of times between the Plateau State and the traders. This is because they have been at war over the cancellation and demolition of markets. In the wake of

the Boko Haram bomb blast near the old Jos University Teaching hospital, which claimed over 100 lives, the Plateau State government had closed all the surrounding markets including the new Abuja Market. It has also prevented those operating within the vicinity of the burnt down old central market from opening their shops. Reason? The government

wants to clean up those areas of debris caused by the attack and ensure that the terrorist have not hidden any Improvised Explosive Device in any of the places. The government has said that it is only after then that the traders would be allowed to open their shops.

Almost two months after the bombing, it is now becoming clear that government will no longer open

these markets. It is already calling on those affected to move to the satellite markets along Rukuba road to pick up stalls. However, some of the affected traders have said their safety there is not guaranteed in time of crises because the Jos metropolis has become Balkanized along religious lines.

While the traders in Jos central are still licking their wounds, the state govern-

ment has again descended on those operating in Bukuru Market and livestock traders at Kungia Market, asking them to vacate the places to allow it put up befitting structures including roads and housing estate on the land where they operate.

While those formerly operating in Jos central were provided with alternative place to go, traders operat-

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