

Lecturer held for wife's murder

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A lecturer at the College of Education (COE), Maru, Zamfara State, Mallam Yakubu Maradun, has been arrested by the police for the alleged murder of his 25-year-old wife, Mala Naja'atu Abubakar.

The lecturer, it was learnt, is helping the police to unravel circumstances leading Naja'atu's gruesome murder.

Naja'atu's decomposing body was discovered in her matrimonial home three days after she was declared missing. The deceased was said to have left home on Monday with the permission of her husband to go to JAIZ Bank to collect her Bank Verification Number (BVN), but did not return home. When she did not return by evening, the husband, friends and relations were said to have raised the alarm.

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A search party was raised but she was not found until Wednesday when a close relation, Mallam Attahiru, visited Maradun's residence to sympathise with him. Attahiru reported the bereaved husband at home with another person.



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Another relation, Mallam Lawali Tsafe, said as the visitor entered the residence, "he was assailed by a stench" and he asked the two men if they knew about the bad smell, but the husband replied that it might be from a broken toilet.

Tsafe said that the visitor insisted that the room where the odour was coming should be opened to verify the source of the bad smell. According to him, Maradun said he did not have the key to the room so the door was forced open.

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But shockingly, the decomposing body of the late Naja'atu was found on the bare floor covered with rags while flies were hovering all over her. It was observed that there was a trench dug behind the room, while a large hole was drilled on the wall of the room.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Shehu Muhammad, who confirmed the incident to journalists, He said that it was a very complicated case which was still being investigated. Muhammad, however, promised that the command would soon unravel the circumstances which led to Naja'atu's murder.

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