

Housewife kills two stepdaughters by throwing them into well

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A 20-year-old housewife, Aisha Isah, has allegedly thrown her two stepdaughters, Zainab (four) and Baaba (two), into a well over disagreement with her co-wife. The incident occurred at Yelwan-Bassa village in Kokona Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Kennedy Idirisu, said this in an interview with journalists yesterday in Lafia. Idirisu said that the suspect was arrested at Yelwan-Bassa village following a report of the incident.

The PPRO, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), said the suspect had confessed to the crime and expressed remorse over her action. Idirisu said investigation revealed that Aisha, who is the second wife of Alhaji Isah, was always at loggerheads with the first wife, Maimuna, and that all efforts by their husband to settle their differences were unsuccessful.

The PPRO said Aisha claimed that the first wife was always instigating her children not to run errands for her, a development that infuriated her since she had no child of her own. Aisha had a baby girl in 2016, but the baby died after six months.

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Idirisu said Aisha had thrown baby Baaba into the well in April but since no one saw her, the family believed the baby accidentally fell into the well and died.

On August 26, according to the PPRO, Aisha raised the alarm that another child, Zainab, had fallen into the well and the husband went inside the well to rescue the baby.

He said the husband brought out the baby dead with her hands tied, which drew suspicion from the family and villagers, leading to Aisha's arrest. According to him, Aisha later confessed to the crime and also accepted responsibility for Baaba's death in April.

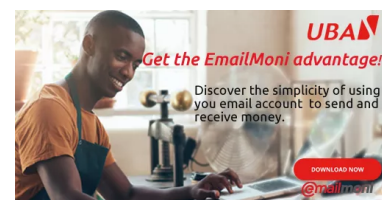
Idirisu said the suspect would be prosecuted as soon as investigation into the matter was concluded.

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