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Police mount search for man who raped, killed housewife in Kano

By **Abdulumumin Murtala**

KANO—KANO State Police Commissioner, Ahmed Iliyasu, yesterday, said the command was intensifying efforts at apprehending the culprits that masterminded the murder of a house wife, **Malama Farida Dahiru, raped and later slaughtered.**

Her three-year-old daughter was also drowned in a well at their residence.

The twin incidents took place on Sunday night at **Gobirawa quarters of Ungogo Local Government Area of the state, after the assailants reportedly broke into the residence of the victim, raped and killed her.**

In an interview with one of the relatives to the victim's husband, **Yahya Lawal, said Shu'aibu Abdul-Mumin (husband) had returned from the wedding dinner of his friend and found the doors of his house locked before midnight.**

According to him, Abdul-Mumin thought his wife might have locked the door. Lawal said: "He began to knock on the door but there was no response. The silence in the house also aggravated the fear of the unknown. After several more knocks, he decided to break the door. As he entered into the house, he met his wife in the pool of her blood."

He added that the husband instantly collapsed after realising that his wife

had died.

Lawal said after Farida was killed, the assailants also seized her sick daughter, who was receiving treatment for malaria and threw her into a well in the compound.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abdullahi Haruna, who confirmed the story said the Police Commissioner led officers to the scene of the incident after receiving a report.

"On Monday, around midnight, we received a sad report that some assailants broke into the house of Malam Shu'aibu Abdul-Mumin at Gobirawa and killed his wife and daughter. And spared an 11-year-old child who is the youngest in the family of four. So, the Police Commissioner led a team of officers to the scene, where six people were arrested in connection with the incident," he said.

EFCC arrests INEC officials N84.6m election duty allow

By **Soni Daniel**

SOKOTO Zonal Office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested top officials of Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, in Zamfara State over diversion of N84.6 million meant for payment of allowances for the staff who organised the 2019 elections in the state.

Those arrested by EFCC are Hassan Sidi Aliyu, Administrative Secretary; Hussain Jafar, Head of Operations; Abdullahi Abubakar, State Accountant and Abdulumumin Usman.

The commission said in a statement last night that the suspects engaged in what it described as a case of conspiracy, breach of trust and criminal diversion of money meant for INEC adhoc staff.

The petitioner, one Abdullahi Nasiru, who wrote

on behalf of all presiding officers that worked for INEC during the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections in Zamfara State, alleged that ad-hoc staff were denied payment of their N6,000 movement allowance each for the two elections.

He further alleged that what the commission paid to them was different from what other states paid their Ad hoc staff.

According to him, INEC paid its staff the sum of N9000 in Zamfara while it paid a nearby state, such as Sokoto, N12,000.

Investigation by the EFCC revealed that none of the 10,500 presiding officers who participated in the elections was paid their entitlements cumulatively put at N84,696,000.

The statement by EFCC spokesman, Wilson Uwujaren, said effort was being made by the commission to recover the