

# In Kaduna: woman poisons stepdaughter, man kidnaps stepsister for N10m ransom

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**KATSINA—** POLICE operatives in Katsina State have arrested a woman, Aisha Abubakar, for allegedly poisoning and killing her stepdaughter because of rivalry with the deceased's mother.

It was gathered that the suspect, Aisha, reportedly killed the stepdaughter, four-years-old Aisha Abubakar, through administering of poisonous food.

Spokesperson of the command, SP Gambo Isah, while parading the suspect alongside others for various criminal offences, said the stepmother confessed to committing the crime.

According to SP Isah, "on November 28, the Command arrested one Aisha Abubakar, 38, of Sabuwar Unguwa Quarters, Rimi council of Katsina State, who killed her stepdaughter, one Aisha Abubakar, aged four years, kept under her care in the same address, through administering of poisonous food.

"Victim was rushed to the hospital and later confirmed dead by a physician.

"In the course of investigation, suspect confessed to the commission of the crime. One of her motives was of a long-standing hatred she has for the mother of the victim, that the husband divorced her when he married

the victims (deceased's) mother. Investigation is ongoing."

In a related development, 22-year-old Ibrahim Kasim, who conspired with his girlfriend, Murja, to kidnap his six years old stepsister, Asiya Kasim, and demanded a ransom of N10 million from the father, was also arrested.

Spokesperson of the command, SP Gambo Isah, said the Command's SARS Team succeeded in arresting Ibrahim Kasim, a member of a kidnap syndicate terrorising Katsina and Zamfara states.

His words: "On April 16 at about 12 noon, the suspect conspired with other members of his syndicate and kidnapped his stepsister, one Asiya Kasim, aged

six years, of the same address, to Talata Mafara council of Zamfara state.

"SARS Patrol Team, led by SP Andrew Alphonse, swooped into action and arrested the mastermind of the kidnap incident.

"In the course of investigation, the suspect confessed to have conspired with his girlfriend, one Murja of Zamfara State.

"He further stated that he was the one that organised the kidnapping including the phone number of his father, through which N10 million was demanded by the kidnappers.

"The Command is making effort to apprehend other members of the syndicate."