

NGO staff rapes 15-year-old female IDP, victim commits suicide in Borno

By Ndahi Marama

MAIDUGURI—A female Internally Displaced Person, IDP, in Borno State, Aisha Umar, reportedly stabbed herself to death after being raped by an official of an International Non-Governmental Organisation.

It was gathered that the deceased, who carried out menial jobs for survival, was reportedly lured by the suspect to his apartment at the 202 Housing Estate, near Dalori IDP camp, Maiduguri, under the guise of cleaning the place.

It was also gathered that the suspect, identified as Huzaif Adam, 35, allegedly forced himself on the deceased in his apartment, adding that the victim's cry for help attracted Adam's neighbours, but when the neighbours forced his door open he had already raped her.

The source said the traumatised victim rushed to Adam's kitchen where she picked up a knife and stabbed herself and reportedly gave up the ghost before she was rushed to the hospital.

It was gathered that the suspect, who was detained at Gwange Division of Borno Police Command after his arrest, was later transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID).

Executive Director, Women in the New Nigeria and Youth Empowerment initiative, Comrade Yunana, expressed shock over the sad incident, adding that she had since visited both Gwange Police Station and State CID at the Borno State Police Command headquarters and promised to monitor the case to its logical conclusion to ensure the suspect was punished accordingly.

Reacting on her Facebook page, Yunana said: "His name is Huzaifa Adam and he just killed two people because of two-minute sexual pleasure.

"Huzaifa raped Aisha, a young IDP girl, who washes plates to feed in Maiduguri. After raping her and beating her up, he locked her and prevented others from seeing her till her friends were able to bring her out.

"Out of pain and heartbreak, Aisha entered the kitchen took a knife and stabbed herself to death. When Huzaifa noticed this, he picked her up to rush her to the hospital and on his way going he had an accident and killed another person at the spot.

"He is currently in police custody. We mourn this innocent soul harshly taken from us by the predator.

"He is also currently an NGO worker with INTERSOS, precisely. I also discovered he was formally suspended for this same act. My question to INTERSOS is, why suspend a predator, a killer and a rapist?

"We will have a protest. We shall not rest until justice is served. #JusticeforAisha #JusticeforAish," said the woman activist.

INTERSOS, a humanitarian organisation in Borno, saddened about rape incident, suspends staff

In a press statement signed by the Head of Mission, INTERSOS, Mr Enkas Chau, revealed that the suspect, who was their staff, has been suspended indefinitely.

"We are saddened to inform you that one of our Nigerian staff members is currently held in police custody in Maiduguri.

"He was accused of having committed rape and other violence connected with the death of a woman, as well as having caused a traffic accident leading to the injury of another person.

"The incident happened in Maiduguri town. Upon learning about this terrible incident, we immediately suspended the staff, who was off duty and on vacation



The suspect



The late victim

when the incident happened. As the investigation is ongoing, we will closely monitor the development and take appropriate actions accordingly.

"We express our deep sorrow to the families of the victims. At this moment we are focusing on gathering additional information and providing the necessary

assistance to the authorities.

"INTEROS has a zero-tolerance policy against any form of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Our recruitment process follows strict and detailed guidelines in compliance with the organisation's Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse policy, and its

implementation is constantly followed up by a dedicated unit.

"We are also part of the Inter-Agency Scheme for the Disclosure of Safeguarding-related Misconduct in the Recruitment Process within the Humanitarian and Development Sector."

Schoolteacher kidnaps, kills student after collecting N6m ransom in Kano

By Bashir Bello

KANO—Kano residents were, yesterday, shocked to the marrow as a school teacher, Abdulmalik Mohammed Tanko, was arrested for kidnapping and killing his 5-year-old student, little Hanifa Abubakar, after collecting N6 million ransom.

It was gathered that Abdulmalik allegedly poisoned the teenage girl after realizing that the victim had recognized him and later connived with one Hashim Isyaku to bury her in a shallow grave dug within the school premises.

Confirming the incident, the Spokesman, Kano State Police Command, SP Abdullahi Haruna, said the duo of Abdulmalik and Isyaku have been arrested and they have confessed to committing the crimes.

SP Haruna further said that one Fatima Jibreel Musa, who was initially enlisted for the crime but rescinded, was also arrested.

"On investigation, Abdulmalik confessed that the victim, Hanifa was his student at a private school in Kwanar Dakata, Nassarawa LGA, Kano State. He kidnapped her and took her to his house where he contacted her relatives and demanded a ransom of Six Million Naira (N6,000,000.00).

"On the 18/12/2021, having realized that the victim recognized him, he claimed to have poisoned her to death, conspired with one Hashim Isyaku and buried her in a shallow grave within the private school premises located at Kwanar 'Yan Gana, Tudun Murtala Quarters, Nassarawa LGA, Kano State.

"The suspects led a combined



SUSPECT: Abdulmalik

Team of Operatives of DSS Kano State, Kano State Police Command's medical team and Team of Operation Puffi Adder to the scene. The body was exhumed and rushed to Mohammed Abdullahi Wase Specialist Hospital Kano, examined and confirmed dead by a medical doctor."

38-year-old man arrested by police over alleged ritual attempt in Imo

By Chinonso Alozie

OWERRI—A 38-year-old man, Francis Chukwura, has been paraded by the Imo police command for attempting to use his neighbour's son, Henry Ekwos for ritual using a grave-size pit.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Micheal Abattam, disclosed this while parading the suspect at the command's headquarters in Owerri, yesterday.

The Police said the suspect, a native of Umuiem in Onitsha North Local Government Area of Anambra State, committed the offence at Ubommiri in Mbaitoli Local Government Area of Imo State on January 6, 2022.

According to the Police, the suspect, Chukwura, had dug a grave size pit before he lured his victim to his room pretending he wanted the victim to assist him (Chukwura) to install a WhatsApp application.

But only for Chukwura to use a machete on the 14-year-old boy, who

wriggled his way out with the machete wounds.

On how Chukwura was arrested, the police said "The unsuspecting boy innocently entered with him into his room where he has already dug a grave-size pit. The boy, on seeing the grave-size pit in the room became suspicious and turned to run out, when Francis Chukwura picked up a machete and gave him several machete cuts on his head and body but, the young boy did not stop running and screaming for help. Luckily, passers-by who heard his scream alerted the police patrol team within the area.

"On arrival at the scene, the police operatives were able to disarm the assailant, rescue the victim with the assistance of some members of the community. He was rushed to a nearby government hospital while the apprehended suspect was taken to the station.

"On interrogation, the suspect is a dismissed staff of federal medical centre (FMC) and presently has no visible means of the livelihood, in his statement could not give a reasonable reason why

he attempted to kill the victim and for what purpose. On the excavated grave-size pit he dug in his room, he said the wife was aware and it was done to hurt his landlord for giving him quit notice.

"Consequent upon the suspect's claim, the wife, Ezinne Anyanwu 'I' aged 32 years, a native of Ikeduru in Ikeduru LGA of Imo State, was arrested. On interrogation, she claimed to have three children for the suspect out of wedlock."



The suspect