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Christian Solidarity Worldwide Nigeria

CSWN Condemns the Killing of Miss Deborah.

As if the pervasive insecurity in Nigeria isn't suffocating enough, Miss Deborah Yakubu, a 200 level Home Economics student of the Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto State, was yesterday, 12 May 2022, stoned to death and her body set ablaze by students of her institution over allegation of blasphemy.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide Nigeria (CSWN) condemns in its entirety, the resort to mob action that has led to the death of a young Nigerian that has travelled far from her land in search of education.

The tragedy that should wake all people of good conscience in Nigeria is the fact that the stoning and burning happened within an academic environment that symbolises enlightenment, tolerance, and civilization. It should have been an environment that guaranteed her right to the secularity that the Nigerian constitution created for all.

CSWN is worried that such a barbaric form of expression is gradually redefining the peaceful and harmonious culture of tolerance that the north is known for. And for such to stop happening, leaders must take the lead in sincerely addressing it so that Nigeria would continue to be home to all.

We commend the Sokoto Sultanate, the Sokoto Government, and others that have swiftly condemned the killing. We further insist that the solution that would help in ensuring unity among Nigeria's heterogeneous populace is understanding our diversity and living with it.

While condoling with the family of Miss Deborah and the Sokoto State Government, CSWN strongly urges the security institution to carry out a diligent investigation into this incident and ensure that those found guilty of inflicting such a painful death on Miss Deborah are prosecuted. Failure to do so would only embolden more of such barbaric acts.

Thank you

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