

Muslim Mob Reportedly Stones Christian Woman to Death, Burns Her Body Over False Blasphemy Claim

A young woman in Nigeria was reportedly stoned to death and her body beaten and burned after she was falsely accused of insulting the Muslim prophet Muhammad.

Deborah Emmanuel Yakubu, a Shehu Shagari College of Education student in Sokoto, Nigeria, was brutally murdered May 12. The violent attack was purportedly filmed and shared on social media.

“We have videos, we have photos which I’ve seen, unfortunately,” Joel Veldkamp, head of international communications at persecution watchdog Christian Solidarity International, told CBN’s Faithwire.

Veldkamp, who stated facts on the deadly attack are still being pieced together, said Yakubu, a Christian, was the head of a Christian fellowship organization at the university.

She came under fire and was later killed over comments purportedly made on WhatsApp, a messaging app.

“There was some kind of argument in the WhatsApp group about religion,” Veldkamp said. “Some people say she praised Jesus for something, other people say she asked some other people to stop talking about religion so much.”

Other reports claim she was falsely accused of insulting Muhammad after refusing to date a Muslim, or that she said on WhatsApp that Christians at Shehu Shagari College of Education were discriminated against and Muslims favored.

An additional assertion was that she thanked Jesus after passing tests and refused to retract her statement of gratitude.

Regardless of Yakubu's purported comments or the causal details, she was attacked the next day by young Muslims who were outraged and decided to violently end her life.

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