Goat, married to man, dies after having first kid in South Sudan

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May 4, 2007 (JUBA) - The goat married to a man at Hai Malakal, Juba, last year has now died. It delivered a baby goat four months ago. The goat, "Rose", was used for sexual intercourse and a man was caught red-handed. Elders forced the man to marry the goat.

According to eyewitness and goat owner, Mr Alifi, he found the goat defiler, Mr C.T., naked in his goat shed having intercourse with his goat. After consulting local elders in a customary court case, the elders decreed that the goat offender must pay a dowry of 75 dollars. Since last year, the wedded goat has now produced a kid; but not a human one.

Mr Alifi further says that he did not give a name to the goat before, but during the local court deliberations the elders jokingly referred to the goat as Rose. Rose was black and white in colour and unfortunately died recently. Neighbours suspect Rose may have eaten a plastic bag littered near Mr T.'s compound. She is survived by a newly born male goat, now four months old and staying with Mr T.

One of the elders present during the hearing says they were invited by Alifi to come and solve the issue. "We found Mr T. was tied down by Alifi at the door of the goat shed," said the elder; he said the marriage was to teach Mr T. a lesson.

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