

40-yr-old man arraigned over ritual murder

THE police in Lagos on Friday arraigned a 40-year-old man, Rafiu Sadu, over an alleged ritual murder.

Sadu was charged with conspiracy, murder and possessing a human skull, before a Yaba Magistrates' Court.

The prosecutor, Insp. Omoniyi Samuel, told the court that Sadu and his gang members conspired to kill one Mr. Michael Adigun sometime in April, on Eric Moore Road, Surulere.

Samuel said that the gang hit Adigun's head with a stone, killed him and cut off his two palms.

The prosecutor said that the accused and the others also killed a man simply identified as Kosoko on Sept. 9 on the same Eric Moore Road.

He added that they kept Kosoko's skull in Sadu's room for rituals.

Samuel said that the police found Kosoko's skull in Sadu's room during a search.

He noted that the alleged offences contravened Sections 319(1) 324, 329 and 516 of the Criminal Code of Lagos State.

The court did not take Sadu's plea as the magistrate, Salamah Matepo, said that she needed the advice of the state's Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

However, the magistrate remanded Sadu him in prison pending the DPP's advice.

The case was adjourned till Nov. 16 for further mention.