

Court remands 2 over killing of father, child

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Minna

A Magistrate's Court in Minna, Niger State on Tuesday ordered that Ishaku Ahmodu and Mohammed Bala, be remanded in prison custody on charges of culpable homicide committed in Lapai and Minna respectively.

According to the First Information Report (FIR) Ishaku Ahmodu allegedly killed his father on the farm on January 29, in Kpade village of Lapai Local Government Area after an argument.

Mohammed Bala, on the other hand, was alleged to have killed

his three-month-old son, who was born out of wedlock. The two accused persons pleaded not guilty to the offences when the charges were read to them.

The police prosecutor handling the case, John Ateni, objected to their bail, saying the offence was not bailable. He urged the court to remand the accused in prison to enable the police conclude investigation.

Chief Magistrate Gimba Mohammed Gabi ruled that the court would conduct preliminary trial into the case as it has no jurisdiction for its final determination. He then adjourned the case till March 4th, 2013.

Offa PDP flays ACN over councils' dissolution

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Ilorin

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Offa in Kwara State yesterday flayed the National Publicity Secretary of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), Alh. Lai Mohammed, over his comments on the dissolution of Offa and Oyun councils by the Kwara State government.

The PDP described Mohammed's comments as not only "uncalled for but hypocritical."

The party insisted that there was no selective justice in the government's decision as the affected council chairmen of Offa and Oyun "who are of different political leanings could not control the major motor

parks under their jurisdiction."

The ACN national publicity secretary had in a statement faulted the dissolution of the councils and urged the state government to rescind its decision.

But the Offa chapter of the PDP, in a statement jointly signed by its chairman, Alh. Goke Rabi'u and secretary, Alh. Lasun Olarinoye, expressed support for the government's action.

"The recent communal clash between the Offa and the Erin-Ile communities in Kwara State deserves a painstaking diagnosis for a far-reaching and lasting solution. We are therefore in total support of the various steps taken so far by the state government on the crisis," the party said.

Principal orders arrest of journalists in Akwa Ibom

From Patrick Odey, Uyo

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in charge of C' Division, ordered that the journalists be arrested

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