

## POLICE ARRAIGN 8 OVER SLAIN JOS TRAVELLERS

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Police in Plateau State arraigned eight people before a state High Court yesterday over the killing of five travellers in Jos recently. Mr. Joglang Jatau and 7 others, are accused of attacking and killing the five travelers at Rayfield in Jos South local government area, while on their way from Gombe to Nasarawa state, after attending Maulud on the May 24.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty to the two count-charge of conspiracy and culpable homicide, alleged to have been committed on late Saidu Sarkin Gudi, Khalid Sarkin Gudi, Yahaya Baba Mustapha, Uba Tanko, while one Sani Muhammad is still missing.

Defence counsel, Mr. Gyang Zi, moved a motion for the bail of the accused as his application had earlier been filed and was pending before the court. However, prosecuting counsel Ms. A.O Lambe, opposed the application. She told the court that they have since filed a counter affidavit challenging the motion for bail and urged the court not grant same.

Similarly counsel to the relatives of the deceased, Mr. Usman Muhammad, objected the motion seeking for bail. He said the matter has just been mentioned and the court should discontinue the motion. Justice Y.G Dakwak after hearing from both parties ordered the accused to be remanded in prison and slated July 22 for ruling on the motion for the bail and adjourned the matter for hearing of the substantive suit to August 1.



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