

APC official Idde, 9 others arraigned over killing of 4

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1 The Nasarawa State Police Command yesterday arraigned the National Vice Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Zakari Abdullahi Idde, before the state High Court (3) over the killing of a Chinese miner, one police officer and two natives in Allogani Hill, Nasarawa Eggon LGA of the state.

Idde was arraigned alongside nine other suspects and were charged with criminal conspiracy, abatement, culpable homicide, unlawful possession of fire arms, among other charges.

The state commissioner of police Abubakar Sadiq Bello, at a press briefing last month, paraded the suspects and said that on 28 November

2016, one Yahuza Yahaya, aged 27 years, and nine others ambushed the staff of CEDAR-BAY Nigeria ltd, a mining company at Allogani Hill, Nasarawa Eggon, and opened fire on the company's truck that led to the death of four persons: a Chinese national, two natives of Nasarawa Eggon and a police escort.

Although Idde was not among the paraded suspects during the briefing, CP Bello told newsmen that Idde was granted bail and a statement was obtained from him as investigation continued.

Idde, who had earlier denied involvement in the incident, was present in court yesterday but the absence of the presiding Judge, Justice Aisha Bashir Aliyu, stalled expected proceedings, and the case was adjourned to 22 February 2017.