

Suspected cultist remanded for allegedly hacking men to death

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A 28-year-old man accused of belonging to a secret cult has been remanded in prison for allegedly hacking two men to death.

Elijah Ogunlaja of No. 4, Ibadan St., Oworoshoki, a suburb of Lagos, appeared before a magistrate court in Ebute Metta, Lagos State on an eight-count charge bordering on conspiracy, murder, unlawful display of fire arms in the public, belonging and managing an unlawful society.

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The prosecutor, ASP Clara Olagbayi, told the court that the accused committed the offences at different times between November and December 2018 at different locations in Oworonshoki.

She said the accused had killed one Yusuf by stabbing him to death.

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She said he had also hacked one Seun Balogun and one Aro with a cutlass on their heads and cut open their stomachs.

The prosecutor also said the accused was alleged to belong to the “Aiye” confraternity.

He was also said to have been seen displaying firearms and ammunition in the public and posing as a threat to the public.

The prosecutor said the offences contravened sections 41, 51, 168, 223, 330 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The magistrate, Mrs A. O. Salawu, remanded the accused at the Ikoyi Prison pending the outcome of legal advice from the State Director of Public Prosecutions (DPPs).

She adjourned the case until Feb. 12.

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