

# Murder: Court admits electronic document against cleric

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A Lagos High Court sitting in Igbosere, yesterday, admitted an electronically generated document tendered by the Lagos State government in the ongoing trial of a cleric, Taofeek Adamu, accused of murder.

The prosecuting counsel, Mrs O. F. Fagbai, told Justice I. O. Akinkugbe that the defendant severed the head of one Oluwakemi Afolabi, 38, a worshiper in a mosque he (Adamu) presided over.

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She said that Adamu, a resident of Masinowe compound, Ikoga in Badagry, who is also known as Kiekie, committed the offence on March 19, 2017.

She said the deceased had come to seek spiritual help from the cleric, when “the defendant beheaded the deceased before chopping off her other parts for ritual purposes.

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“He was apprehended when members of the community saw him carrying a sack soaked with blood,” the prosecutor said.

Adamu, 63, was arraigned on a two count charge of conspiracy and murder.

At the last adjourned date on April 9, the prosecution had sought to tender an electronic generated evidence through its witness, but the attempt was objected to by the defence counsel, Mrs A. O. Ajayi.

The witness said while he was going through the internet, he saw a video clip, where Adamu confessed to the evidence he had earlier given before the court.

After admitting the evidence, the judge adjourned the case till May 21, for continuation of trial.