

# Kwara court remands three workers for killing farm owner

From Odun Edward, Ilorin

**K**WARA State Magistrate's Court sitting in Ilorin, yesterday, remanded three suspected farm workers in prison custody for allegedly killing their boss, Jamiu Ibrahim, 45, during an armed robbery operation. The suspects: Isiaka Sabi, Hassan Bature and Ardo Umaru on June 29, allegedly conspired and killed Ibrahim of Idofin Odo-Ashe, Oke-Ero Local Council of the state. It was gathered that Isiaka Sabi was an employee of the deceased.

Police prosecutor, Thomas Adebayo, at the hearing of the matter, yesterday, urged the court to remand the suspects in prison for 21 days

pending the outcome of their investigation.

He said: "We are still investigating the case. Efforts are still on towards arresting the remaining suspects at large by the police authorities. However, we pray the court to remand the defendants in Oke-Kura Correctional Facility, Ilorin.

"Our prayers are in line with Section 299 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Kwara State 2018. We have nine grounds to support our application, supported also by a nine-paragraph affidavit dated July 22, 2022 and deposed to by Inspector Mohammed Kamaldeen of the state CID, Ilorin, Kwara state.

"The state Attorney General

is fully aware of the case because the duplicate of the case file had been forwarded to the justice ministry via a letter dated July 22nd, 2022. The receipt copy from the letter is evident having formed part of the evidence in this case. We have not in any way infringed on the fundamental human rights of the defendants".

Counsel to the complainant, Shuaib Oniye, also aligned with the prosecution.

In her ruling, Magistrate A. Mogaji, said: "In line with the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of the state, I hereby order that the suspect be remanded in Oke-Kura Correctional facility."

She further adjourned the matter to September 1 for

mention.

According to the Police First Information Report (FIR) the "case was transferred from Oke Ero Divisional Police Headquarters, Ilofa Kwara State to the Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID), Ilorin, for discreet investigation on July 7."

The FIR added that one Jamiu Abdulrauf of Ita Asalapa Isale Banni Aloore, Ilorin reported the case at the Oke-Ero police station.

"That on the same date at about 0000hours, five unknown gunmen invaded Asalapa farm settlement via Idofin Odo-Ashe and took his brother one Jamiu Ibrahim 'male' aged 45 years out of his

room into a guinea corn farm behind his house where he was fired with a gun and abandoned to die in the pool of his blood.

"Concerted effort of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) Oke-Ero led to the arrest of One Isiaka Sabi, Bature Hassan and Umaru Ardo of different farm settlements in Idofin Odo Ashe, who were fingered in the killing of Jamiu Ibrahim.

"During discreet investigation conducted at SCIID Ilorin, it was revealed that Sabi Isiaka, who was a

labourer, working for the deceased, invited one Hassan Bature and Umaru Ardo of different farm settlements and planned robbing Jamiu on July 26, but executed the attack on July 29.

"During discreet investigation, Sabi Isiaka confessed to have conspired with one Bature Hassan, Umaru Ardo, Janyo Dogo and Ahiyah (at large) to rob the deceased. The defendants and the two at large attacked the deceased with guns and cutlasses," the police report added.

