

Police Arraign 5 Persons For Murder, Cultism In Makurdi

The Police on Monday arraigned five men at a Makurdi Upper Area Court, charged with culpable homicide, conspiracy and belonging to an unlawful society.

The accused persons are Enoch Amusa (25) of College of Education Katsina-Ala ; Joseph Ugafor (29) and Jacob Mandaki (23) , a student of the Akperan Orshi College of Agriculture, Yandev-Gboko.

The others are Mtomga Tuta (27) Fidel Polytechnic, Gboko and Alueigba Aondohumba (31), also of the College of Education, Katsina-Ala.

The Police Prosecutor, Cpl. Collins Terfa, told the court that the case was transferred from the Katsina-Ala Divisional Police Station to the State CID on Sept.18.

Terfa recalled that the Provost of the College of Education, Katsina-Ala, Dr Hans Senwua, to the Divisional Police Station in November, 2012 that cultists had attacked and killed two students of the institution.

“The provost earlier in November, 2012 reported to the Katsina-Ala Police Station that cultists attacked and killed two students of the institution, one Shecdrach Vershima and Moses Ayatse.

“On Sept. 16 2013, the provost again reported that the same group of cultists had returned to the school premises and were sighted mobilising students for initiation into their cult group.

“The Nigeria Police Force sent a team of detectives undercover in the school and was able to arrest the five accused persons.”

The prosecution said that the offence contravened Sections 97, 99 and 222 of the Penal Code.

During interrogation, the accused persons confessed committing the alleged crimes.

When the case came up for mention, no plea was taken for want of jurisdiction.

The Magistrate, Mrs Felicia Ikyegh, remanded the accused persons at the Federal Prisons, Makurdi, and adjourned the case to Oct. 10, for further mention. (NAN)