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**A** MAGISTRATE Court sitting in Ilorin, the Kwara state capital has ordered that three men be remanded in prison custody for allegedly murdering an eight-year old boy, Amido Sana for ritual purposes.

The police arraigned the trio on three-count charge of criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide and being in possession of human head all contrary to and punishable under Sections

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92, 221 and 219 of the Penal Code.

The accused persons are Alhaji Abdullahi Ahmed (30), Malomo Iyero (70) and Waheed Sanni (38). While the first two accused hail from Amberi Isowara village near Ajase-Ipo in Ifelodun council area of Kwara state, the third accused is from Anilelerin Area of Offa, in Offa Local Government area.

The Nation gathered that the father of the victim, Alfa Mutaru Orebe, had on April 1, 2009, reported to the Divisional Police Headquarters in Ajase-Ipo that the young Amidu had been tricked to a farm in Amberi Isowara village where he was eventually beheaded. He identified his uncle, Ahmed, and one Saka as responsible for the dastardly act.

Orebe also alleged in his report that the decapitated

head was taken to Sanni who is described as an herbalist with the intention of making money rituals for the accused.

The Police First Information Report (FIR) on the case states that investigations at the state CID, Ilorin, revealed that Abdullahi Ahmed, Waheed Sanni, Malomo Iyero and one Saka now at large are notorious conspirators dealing with human parts for money ritual. With the frantic effort of detectives at the department, the severed head of Amido Sana and the cutlass used in killing him were recovered from the culprits.

When the matter case came up for hearing last week, Police prosecutor Constable Sanni Abdullahi objected to bail for the accused arguing that their offence, being capital in nature was not ordinarily bailable.

He added that the gravity of the crime could make the accused jump bail or intervene in ongoing investigations or even commit similar crime.

The presiding Magistrate, S.Olanipekun, agreed with the prosecutor and ordered that the accused be remanded at Oke-Kura, prison, Ilorin until April 21, 2009 when the cause would come up for mention.

## NEPWHAN gets new management

**A** NEW management board to steer the affairs of the Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN), till 2012 has emerged at the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegates' Forum of the organisation held at Chida Hotel, Abuja.

Delegates drawn from the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) participated at the 3-day Forum with the theme *Repositioning NEPWHAN for Effective HIV and AIDS Response*.

In his welcome address, NEPWHAN's acting national co-ordinator, John Ibekwe, listed discrimination, operationalisation of the GIPA/MIPA principle, socio-economic empower-

ment of PLWHA and others. By Fredrick Adegbeye  
He, however, counselled that this could only be sustained by "increased resource mobilisation strategies, systems' strengthening, effective project management, wider collaboration with partners and other stakeholders, integrity, accountability and transparency in the conduct of our affairs and sustained advocacy at all levels."

A new executive position, National Welfare Officer, was introduced and accepted by the Delegates' Assembly at the constitution review, amendment and ratification session. Thus, nine posts were contested for at the election which started at 8.25pm and ended at 10.30.

At the end of the peaceful election, Edward Ogenyi became the new national coordinator; Ugoji Udensi emerged deputy coordinator, southern region, while Danjuma Adamu retained his deputy coordinatorship of the northern region.

Doris Emmanuel was elected as the new national secretary; Prince Gambo, assistant national secretary; Onis Henshaw, national treasurer; Abraham Johnson, public relations officer, and, Bosede Ajamu, national welfare officer.

Meanwhile, the NEPWHAN secretariat has announced that the date for handing over and inauguration ceremony will be communicated to the media soon.