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Court

Seven arrested for herdsman's murder

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Seven persons suspected to have killed two herdsman were arraigned yesterday at a Makurdi Magistrate's Court in Benue State.

Terver Uva, Vershima Mngure, Msughve Ushir, Ikyaan Tarvershima, Aondosoo Tyozenda, Iorwuese Shaapera and Vershima Gwaza were accused of criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide and mischief by fire.

The prosecuting police officer, Insp. James Zungwe, told the court that the case was transferred from the Divisional Police Headquarters, Gboko to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at the Police Headquarters in Makurdi.

Zungwe said in a letter dated March 31, transferring the case, that some men, armed with guns, cutlasses, sticks and stones blocked the Gboko-Mka Road on March 27.

According to him, the men on the same day attacked and burnt down a truck conveying cows, killing Hassan Hussaini and Balarabe, who were in the truck.

He said the bodies were burnt by the suspects.

The prosecutor told the court that the accused, who hail from Gboko Local Government Area, were arrested during police investigation.

The prosecutor said the offences were contrary to sections 97 (1), 225 and 337 of the Penal Code of Benue State, 2004.

Zungwe, however, told the court that investigation into the matter was still ongoing and pleaded that another date be taken for the case to be mentioned.

Consequently, the pleas of the accused were not taken.

The Magistrate, Mrs Lillian Terseer-Tumba, ordered that they be remanded at the Federal Prison, Makurdi.

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