

Two guards charged with employer's murder

TWO security guards, Amid Sumata, 42, and Ali Idris, 40, yesterday appeared before an Ebute Meta Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos for allegedly hacking their employer, Alhaja Silifat Isiaq, 60, to death.

They are facing a two-count charge of murder and conspiracy.

Prosecuting Sergeant Daniel Ighodalo, said the offence was committed on April 8 at 2.40pm at Plot 25, Federal Sites and Services Scheme, Satellite Town in Lagos.

Ighodalo alleged that the accused persons, who are security guards working for the deceased, entered into the main building with intent to ransack and make away with valuables in the house.

"In a bid to cover their tracks, they hacked the deceased to death with a cutlass all over her face before dumping her body into a nearby drum and made away with all they could lay their hands on."

The prosecutor noted that the offences contravened Sections 221 and 231 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that section 221 prescribes death sentence for offenders.

The pleas of the accused were not taken by the court.

Chief Magistrate Abimbola Awogboro ordered that the accused should be remanded at Ikoyi Prisons, pending legal advice from the state's Director of Public Prosecutions.

She adjourned the case till June 20.