

Four persons 'beat' trader to death

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AN Ebute Metta Magistrate's Court has ordered that four persons, Yahaya Haruna, 20, Akau Sanni, 28, Ibrahim Shuabu, 18 and Isah Mohammed be remanded in prison custody for alleged murder.

The defendants were arraigned for the death of a 23-year-old man, Chimezie Umeh, who died after the quartet hit him with a plank on his neck.

The incident was said to have occurred around 9pm on August 12 at Ilufe Junction, Alaba, Lagos.

Haruna, a grocer, at Ilufe Junction, allegedly sold some items to Umeh but an argument ensued between them during the transaction.

Thereafter, Umeh reportedly slapped Haruna, who allegedly hit Umeh on the head and was joined by Shuaibu, Mohammed and Sanni in beating Umeh.

Umeh was said to have died in the hospital two days after. Their plea was not taken.

Prosecuting Sergeant Maria Dauda asked the court to remand the defendants in prison pending legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Magistrate Fowowe Erusinafe ordered that the defendants be remanded in prison custody pending legal advice from DPP office and she adjourned the matter till October 4.

Council empowers 300 youths

THE Sole Administrator of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Ibrahim Adigun, has empowered more than 100 residents after sharpening their skills at a vocational training centre.

They were kitted with tools to set up cottage businesses and become young entrepreneurs.

Adigun also gave out 200 November/December West African Examination Council (WAEC) forms to indigent applicants, restoring their hope of writing the examination this year.

He restated his administration's commitment to eradicating illiteracy, ignorance and crime with the introduction of novel ideas.

The sole administration said the empowerment was part of the council's contribution to encourage those that are gifted in hairdressing, cosmetology, fashion design, bed making, catering and decoration, among others.

Adigun promised to bring real development to the grassroots through responsive and collective efforts.

He recalled some of his administration achievement, including; grading and rehabilitation of Daudallo road, Agbedion road, Oyalana down to Iburaheem road and Ailegun Street.

Adigun said the roads were graded and rehabilitated to enhance vehicular movement and stimulate economic activity within the community.

According to him, the council will continue to assist youths and the aged, market men and women, artisans and the Community Development Associations (CDAs).

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