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Man arraigned for 'threat to life'

A 35-year-old man, Semion Oluwole, has been arraigned at a Modakeke Magistrates' Court in Osun State for alleged threat to life.

He is facing charges of threat to life and breach of the peace. The prosecutor, Ona Glory, told the court that the accused committed the offence on October 22, about 11 am, at St Stephen's Primary School, Modakeke-Life.

He alleged that he threatened to use a cutlass to cut the heads of members of a political party, who attended a congress.

Glory further told the court that the accused conducted himself in a manner likely to cause breach of public peace at the congress' venue.

He said the offence contravened sections 80, 86 (2) and 249 (d) of the Criminal Code, Laws of Osun State, 2003.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

The Magistrate, Bose Awosan, granted the accused bail at N50,000 with two sureties.

She said they must swear to affidavit of means and produce three years' tax clearance certificates.

Awosan ruled that the sureties, who must live in the court's jurisdiction, should present two recent passport photographs to the registrar.

She adjourned the case till today for hearing.

Applicant in court

Police parade man, 80, for allegedly killing mum, 100

•Grandson also paraded

From Justina Asishana, Minna

A N 80-year-old man, Kwacha Manu and his son, Likita, 40, have been paraded by Niger State Police Command for their alleged involvement in the death of their 100-year-old mother and grandmother, Inne Kaiyo.

The incident occurred at Marke Gada Maje in Rijau Local Government.

Manu allegedly killed his mother for purportedly killing Likita's daughter, Magajiya, through witchcraft.

The Nation learnt that following the death of Magajiya, 17, her grandfather, Manu, who could not bear the loss, allegedly used sticks to flog his mother to death.

Sources alleged that Inne used witchcraft to kill people in her extended family.

Magajiya is said to be the

ninth person to die in "unnatural circumstances" in the family.

Manu, who admitted to have flogged his mother, claimed he only flogged her on the legs, "which couldn't have killed her."

He alleged: "After killing my granddaughter, I could not just let her go free. So I used a dry stick to cane her on the legs, asking her why she killed

her great grandchild, who took care of me, unlike her, who did nothing for me."

Asked how they knew his mother was responsible for the girl's death, Manu said: "We knew through my late granddaughter, Magajiya, when she was ill. She cried and begged her great grandmother, Inne, to release her soul. We all begged my mother to release her, but she refused. I'm aware that my mother was a witch."

Likita said he was not in the

village when the incident occurred.

His words: "I don't know why the police arrested me. Besides losing my daughter, my two other children are I've not even seen the body of my late child."

Police spokesman Abig Unaeze said father and son were nabbed for homicide and had confessed.

He added that they would soon be arraigned.

'Satan prompted me to attack my stepdaughter'

A 46-year-old woman, Mrs. Rose Michael, has been arrested by the Ogun State Police Command for injuring her stepdaughter, Blessing.

The woman, who lives at 10, Onafowokan Street, Ita-Oluwa, Ogijo near Sagamu in Ogun State, reportedly attacked Blessing with a blade, lacerating her hands and thigh.

The Nation learnt that a fight between Rose's daughter and Blessing made her to attack the latter with a blade.

But the woman told neighbours and the police that the devil prompted her to attack Blessing.

"I knew the gravity of the action later," she said.

Police spokesman Abig Unaeze said she was arraigned at the court today for homicide.



•Mrs. Michael

From Ernest Nwankwo



Apprentice 'kills' colleague

From Sunny Nwankwo, Aba

A 21-year-old apprentice, Chibuike Emmanuel, has allegedly stabbed his colleague, Chika Nwankwo, 25, to death.

The incident occurred at a car upholstery workshop at Aja Street, Aba, Abia State.

The Nation learnt that the victim was certified dead by the doctor at St. Anthony's Hospital, Aba.

Eyewitnesses attributed the death to excessive bleeding.

While some alleged that Emmanuel stabbed Nwankwo in the shoulder with a pair of scissors, others alleged that

Nwankwo was stabbed in the neck with a knife during a misunderstanding.

It was gathered that the previous day, Emmanuel lent Nwankwo, who promised to repay the next day.

The Nation learnt that trouble ensued after attempts by Emmanuel to make Nwankwo repay the debt failed.

The victim was reported in the police custody.

Spokesman Geoffrey Chibonna could not be reached last night for comments.

Abducted LP chief's mum freed

From Adekunle Jimoh, Ilorin

SEVENTY-one-year-old Mrs. Elizabeth Omotosho, who was abducted eight days ago by gunmen, has been freed. She is the mother of the National Chairman of Labour Party (LP), Dr. Mike Omotosho.

The Nation learnt she was freed last Friday. Mrs. Omotosho