

Two herdsmen remanded for ‘murder’

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A Lokoja Chief Magistrates’ Court has remanded two herdsmen – Mohammed Osama and Umoru Sanda – in prison for allegedly killing Nurudeen Dahiru.

The accused, both of Kokolobi Sasere Fulani Camp, Koton-Karfe Local Government Area, were charged with criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide contrary to sections 97 (1) and 221 (a).

Police prosecutor Friday Shaibu told the court that Dahiru Idris, of Lapai, Niger State, reported the matter at the Divisional Police headquarters in Koton-Karfe on April 5.

According to him, on April 4, about 11.59 pm, the accused and others at large, invaded his son’s house, the deceased Nurudeen, at Kokolobi Sasere Fulani camp, without

provocation, and slaughtered him.

The accused said the deceased killed Mohammed Bello, Osama's younger brother.

The prosecution said investigation was on, and called for adjournment to enable the police complete their investigation.

He objected to the bail of the accused.

Chief Magistrate Levi Animoku ruled that the offences, especially culpable homicide, were heinous.

He said: "The degree of opportunity open to the defendants to escape from justice is high. I have perused the First Information Report (FIR). The defendants appear to have been linked to the alleged crime.

"Bail is not granted as a matter of course. Consequently, the defendants shall be remanded at the Federal Prisons, Koton-Karfe, even as I refuse their bail."

Animoku adjourned till May 2 for mention.