

Landlady accused of killing tenant

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A Yaba Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos State yesterday remanded a 40-year-old landlady, Yinka Martins, in Ikoyi Prisons, for allegedly killing her tenant, Mrs. Mojisola Idayat.

Chief Magistrate Oluwatoyin Oghere, who gave the order, said Mrs Martins would remain in custody pending legal advice by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

The defendant was arraigned on a two-count charge of conspiracy and murder before Chief Magistrate Oghere.

Prosecuting Sergeant Modupe Olaluwoye told the court that the defendant committed the offence on February 13, at 6, Odunsi Street, Bariga, Lagos about 11:30pm.

She said the deceased had given the landlady's son, who was ill, food to eat, to enable him take his medicines.

Olaluwoye said the defendant accused the deceased of giving leftover to her son, adding that the development degenerated into an argument and later a fight.

She alleged that during the fight, the defendant beat her tenant to death with a plank of wood.

She told the court of her intention to call some of the defendant's tenants as witnesses when trial begins.

The prosecutor said one of the tenants, Mr Rasheed Arewale, called the deceased's husband when the incident happened and he reported the case at the police station.

Chief Magistrate Oghere adjourned the case till April 10.

Chemist faces manslaughter charge