13 suspected killers of Kwara monarch remanded in prison





AMagistrate's court sitting in Ilorin, Kwara State, yesterday remanded 13 suspected killers of Olukoro of Koro in Ekiti Local Government Area, Oba Olusegun Aremu-Cole in the custody of the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS).

Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers early this month invaded the agrarian community of Koro and killed the monarch.

The gunmen also abducted his wife and one other person.

The suspects were arraigned for alleged criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide, kidnapping and giving false information.

The suspects were identified as Godwin Jacob, Olowofela Oyebanji, Adefalolu Ayodele, Tewasie Francis, Babatunde Samuel, Godwin Joseph, Issa Number, Miracle Solomon, Abraham Kehinde, Muhammed Bello, Muhammed Muhammed, Ahmadu Umaru and Muhammed Dankai of different addresses in Ekiti State.

Police First Information Report (FIR) said that one Aremu Simon Adeyemi reported the case to the Eruku Police Division.

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Adeyemi, the police said, narrated how "the suspects pointed a gun at him, ordering him to follow them when he challenged them after noticing their movement around his grandson.

"He said his grandson escaped through the backdoor while the suspects proceeded to kill the monarch, kidnapped his wife and one Mercy.

"But he was later released while the deceased wife and Mercy were held hostage," the charge sheet added.

The prosecutor, Abdullah Sanni, informed the court of the motion exparte attached to the police report, urging the court to order their remand.

Magistrate Monisola Kamson in her ruling ordered the remand of the suspects at the Federal Correctional centre and adjourned the matter till March 5.