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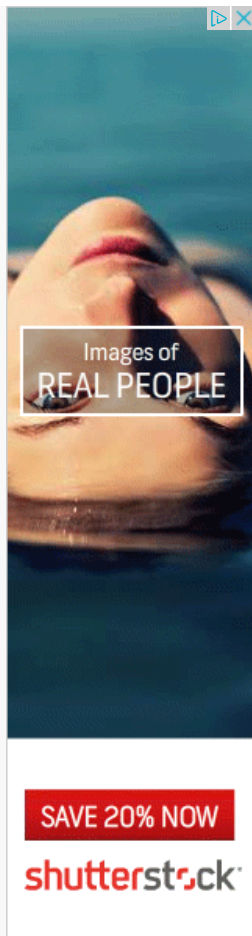
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No fewer than 12 officers of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Calabar, the Cross River State capital are currently being detained by police authorities, over the alleged killing of six detainees including Derek Maurice, a 300 level undergraduate of the University of Calabar.

It was gathered by the Nigeria Tribune that the order to detain the officers came from the State Directorate of Public Prosecution, which after several months intensive investigation into the culpability of the said officers, recommended their prosecution.

It will be recalled that some officers of SARS, led by one Sgt Anthony Idoko, were on April 17, 2014 accused of extra-judicially murdering six young men on April 17, 2014, and selling their bodies to the Anatomy Department of the University of Calabar(UNICAL)

However, the dastardly act of by the said policemen, the Nigerian Tribune learnt, was brought to the open in June, 2014 when Eno Maurice, mother to Derek, petitioned the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 6 Command, Musa. A. Daura, over the sudden disappearance of her son.

Thereafter, an investigative panel was swiftly constitutes by the AIG Zone 6 to unravel the cause of Derek's disappearance. Derek's body including six other young men was, however, traced to the anatomy department of UNICAL.

It was also gathered by the Nigerian Tribune that the panel's report found Sgt Idoko and other officers culpable ,which led to their detention on June 25-28, 2014, at Zone 6 Police Headquarters, Calabar, but were released pending the recommendations of the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) of the Ministry of Justice of Cross River state government.

Investigations revealed that the DPP, last week, recommended the prosecution of the said policemen. They were arrested and cooling their heels in Zone six detention facilities since August 6, 2014, pending arraignment.

The circumstances that led to the alleged killing began on April 16, 2014 when the slain student, Derek was picked up on the evening of that day close to his home at Akai Efa, Calabar, by a SARS team led by Sgt Idoko, and taken to their office in Diamond Hill, Calabar.

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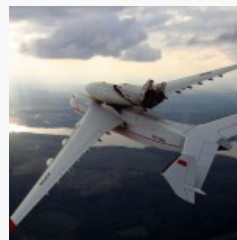
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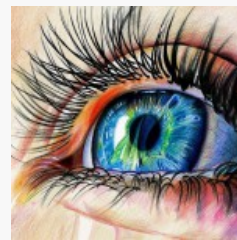
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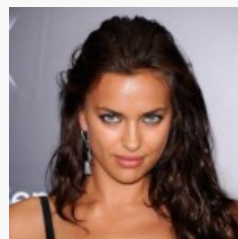
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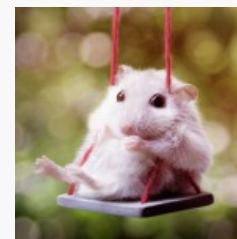
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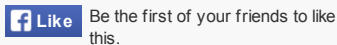
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