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to be led by Muhammad Buhari.

Son hacks father to death in Ibadan

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A middle-aged man, Musa Jato, on Monday, threw residents of Adeoye Estate, Power line Area, Aba Paanu, in Ido Local Government Area of Oyo State, into a state of despair, as he hacks his own father, Alhaji Abdullahi Jato, to death in broad day light.

Jato, who hails from Kogi State, had been living harmoniously with his aged parents until he started behaving strange late on Sunday night, prompting his parents to desert their home for safety.

While narrating the incident to journalists, Musa's mother revealed that her son had previously suffered mental disorder and had been treated for same.

Family members and neighbours of the deceased were yet to come to terms with the manner with which he died.

Musa's other siblings, however, maintained that his actions were not ordinary.

The younger sister said it was quite an irony, because their late father had made several efforts to ensure that Musa became well, while stressing that the family now feared for the safety of their mother.

A family member, Su-

leiman Jose, called on government to help them provide necessary health assistance to Musa, noting that they had committed

all their resources on him.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adekunle Ajisebutu, said

Musa is currently in the custody of the police.

"Yes, he is in our custody and will be charged to court after we conclude

our investigation," he said. Meanwhile the remains of the deceased had been laid to rest in accordance with Islamic rites.

Jonathan nominates Bello as new FCT CJ

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PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan, on Tuesday, nominated Justice Ishaq Bello as the new Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The president, in a letter dated May 21, 2015, said he was forwarding Justice Bello's name to the Senate

for confirmation, following the voluntary retirement of former CJ, Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar, on March 31.

Jonathan, in the letter addressed to the Senate President, David Mark, said his request was in line with Section 249 of the 1999 Constitution, which outlines the composition of a Federal High Court.

In another development,

the Senate, at the Tuesday plenary, passed the bill for the establishment of the National Agency for the Great Green Wall into law.

The passage followed the presentation of report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Environment and Ecology on the bill.

Chairman, Senate Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha, who briefed the Senate, said the Executive Bill was seeking to establish the National Agency for the Great Green Wall.

He said when finally assented to by the president, the law would facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the convention on the Great Green Wall programme in Nigeria.

Video footage shows foreign fighters as Boko Haram leaders

A video footage found in captured Boko Haram camps by Nigeria's military and seen by Reuters seems to give some credence to the fact that foreign fighters hold positions of power within the Nigerian Islamist militant group.

However, the military said it was analysing the footage to identify fighters and study the group's internal dynamics.

Nigerian government had previously spoken of foreign influence within the ranks of the jihadists, but lacked hard evidence to back up its assertion.

"They (foreigners) carry arms and fight alongside the other terrorists," a senior military source, who declined to be identified, said.

"They are also experts and trainers," it added.

Reuters was not able to establish how many other foreigners were at the filmed event or what percentage of the militants' fighting force they accounted for overall.

In 2012, Boko Haram was reported to be receiving training from al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), although there had been little to back up claims of foreigners at the core of the group beyond anecdotal evidence from civilians who escaped or soldiers who fought them.

The footage showed Boko Haram administering sharia judgments in front of a big crowd in a field stained with blood, with a man speaking

in Sudanese Arabic.

"God ordered all believers to enforce his punishments," the man, whose face is completely covered by a white turban, said to camera.

"God ordered us to cut off the hand of the thief and flog the adulterer and adulteress," he added.

Standing in the middle of a circle formed by the crowd and near a preacher shouting into a loudspeaker in Hausa, the man appeared to be overseeing at the gathering called to implement sharia law.

A man wearing a black turban stood next to him as he spoke in Arabic and occasionally nods in agreement while another waves the group's black flag be-

hind them.

In other parts of the film, men and women were flogged and several had hands amputated while the crowd cheered. A man was also stoned to death after being buried up to his head in a pit.

The military said it believed the events took place in southeastern Borno state in or near the town of Gwoza, Boko Haram's former headquarters.

The distinctive Mandara mountain range could be seen in the background.

There was no time stamp to indicate when the half hour of video was filmed but a shorter, edited version of the film was released after the group took over Gwoza last summer.