

# Court remands pastor in prison for alleged possession of human skull in Osun

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An Osun State Magistrate court sitting in Ipetu, on Monday remanded a pastor in charge of a Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) in Edunabon, Adeyemo Adedayo in prison custody for allegedly being in possession of human skull.

Presiding Magistrate, Mr Olakunle Faith Idowu who gave the order declared that the suspect be kept behind the bar because of the criminal nature of the offence committed.

It would be recalled the human head was found under a big mortar kept in the bamboo constructed in the church which was located at Anglican High School, Edunabon, Ife North Local Government Area.

The 43-year-old pastor, Adeyemo popularly called Efa-Efa was arrested following the tip off from some people

residing in the community.

Some of the youths in the community who had been observing the conduct of the pastor stormed the church few weeks back, accusing the pastor of alleged rape of his female members and other unwholesome misconducts.

When the suspect was arraigned yesterday, the Police Prosecutor, Sergeant Okeniyi informed the court that the Pastor Adeyemo committed the offence on August 6, 2017 at Edunabon, adding that the accused was found to be in possession of dried bones suspected to be human parts.

He contended that the offence was contrary to and punishable under Section 249 and 329A of the Criminal Code Cap 34 Vol. 11 Laws of Osun State 2002.

But the suspect pleaded not guilty to the two-count charge of breach of public peace and illegal possession of human skull leveled against him.

In his ruling, Magistrate Idowu ordered the accused to be remanded in custody at Ile-Ife prison and subsequently adjourned the case to September 9, 2017 for mention.

Meanwhile, it took the effort of the Magistrate and the community legal representative, Barrister Babatunde Babasola, to avert the crisis as aggrieved youths attempted to lynch the pastor before he moved away in the vehicle of the Nigeria Prison Service (NPS).