

Ondo court orders remand of man in prison over wife's murder

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A Chief Magistrate Court sitting in Akure, Ondo state capital, has ordered the remand of a middle-aged man, Sunday Emmanuel, to Segede Correctional facility for allegedly machetting his wife, Linda, to death.

The accused was also alleged to have macheted his three-year old son on the head, with the intent to kill

him.

The magistrate, Olateju Odenusi-Fadeyi, however, did not take the plea of the defendant and ordered his remand at the Correctional facility in Ondo town, pending advice from the Department of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the state Ministry of Justice.

The magistrate directed that the case file should be forwarded to the DPP for advice.

Emmanuel was arraigned

on a two count charge bordering on murder and attempted murder.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Josephine Awanna, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on October 7 at Ogbeni Camp, Ofosu, in the Idanre Local Government Area of Ondo State.

She explained that Emmanuel killed his 30-year-old wife, one Linda, by macheting her on the neck and cheek, saying the woman

died in the process.

Awanna further explained that Emmanuel, after killing his wife, also attempted to kill his three-year old son, Sunday, by macheting him on the head, saying the boy sustained a life-threatening injury in the process.

The police officer revealed that the incident happened during a dispute between the defendant and the deceased leading to the killing of the wife.

The charge reads in part:

"That you, Sunday Emmanuel, m, on October 7, 2024, at about 5:30 at Ogbeni Camp via Ofosu, in the Ondo Magistraterial District, did unlawfully kill one Linda Emmanuel, 35, by macheting her on the neck and cheek and hereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable Section 319 (1) of the Ondo state law.

"That you, Sunday Emmanuel, on the same date, time and place, unlawfully attempted with the inten-

tion to kill your son, aged 3, by macheting him on the head."

The offences, according to the charge, contravened Sections 319(1) and 320(1) of the Criminal Code Laws of Ondo State, 2006 and the plea of the defendant was not taken.

Magistrate Odenusi-Fadeyi remanded the defendant pending DPP's advice and adjourned the case till February 2, 2025, for mention.