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Iheanacho: DPP's advice stalls murder case

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THE failure of the Directorate of Public Prosecution to release its advice on the alleged murder of Regina James by her live-in-lover, George Iheanacho, stalled the proceedings at the Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

Mr. Jonathan Ogunsanya, a counsel from the Ministry of Justice, informed the court that the nature of the case and increasing public interest forced the DPP to be very painstaking before releasing the advice.

Ogunsanya, who noted that the matter had gone beyond the confines of the magistrate's court due to the conflicts it had generated, assured the court that the course of justice would be served.

Ogunsanya said, "The Attorney-General has said everything should be on hold till the legal advice. Under the law, we have the power to renew the period of remand if the 30 days allowed by law has expired. Our concern is that the interest of justice is served."

The magistrate, Mr. O.O. Olatunji reminded Ogunsanya of the promise

by the state to release the advice on or before August 5 to enable the court take a stand on the matter.

PUNCH Metro had exclusively reported in May, 2013, the alleged murder of Regina by Iheanacho, after a misunderstanding.

The 32-year-old mother of three, was said to have bled and died the following morning.

Olatunji said, "I know how sensitive this case is, having been petitioned myself. I see it as no big deal because it is part of the risks of my job."

The matter was adjourned till August 30, 2013 for DPP's advice.