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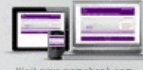


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Ebute Meta Magistrate Court

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Nine suspected cult members belonging to the Aye Confraternity have killed a plumber, identified as Toyosi Jimba, in Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos State.

The 26-year-old victim was said to have been given a chase by the men from his house, till he fell down at the Igbogbo Motor Park.

The cultists reportedly descended on him, dealt him fatal cutlass' blows, before slitting his throat with a broken bottle.

Our correspondent gathered that his corpse was recovered at the back of the park the following day by members of the community.

Jimba's relative was said to have reported the matter at the Ikorodu Police Station from where it was taken to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba.

It was gathered that the deceased belonged to a rival cult group known as the Eye Confraternity, and his death had sent a wave of reprisal that unsettled the Igbogbo community.

Police investigations, however, led to the arrest of five suspects- Ayodeji Oluwasegun (23), Shittu Jide (22), Abidemi Caleb (22), Gbadebo Olaitan (26) and Edward Samuel (21).

The men were allegedly part of the nine-killer squad that murdered Jimba.

The police arraigned them on Monday before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's court on three counts of murder and belonging to an unlawful society.

The charges read in part, "That you, Ayodeji Oluwasegun, Shittu Jide, Abidemi Caleb, Gbadebo Olaitan, Edward Samuel, and others now at large, on March 1, 2014, at about 9.30pm, at 5, Oluwo Amaju Street, Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Toyosi Jimba, aged 26 years, by stabbing him to death with broken bottles and cutlasses.

"That you, on the same date, time and place, in the aforesaid magisterial district, did belong to an unlawful society, known and called Aye Confraternity."

The offences were said to be contrary to and punishable under sections 231, 221, 42 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.

The defendants' pleas were not taken for the capital offence.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Frank Inah, applied for their remand in prison pending legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution.

He said, "We asked for their remand pursuant to Section 264 of the Administration of Criminal Justice of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011. The remand will help the police conclude investigations in the matter as well as duplicate



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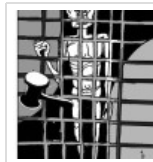


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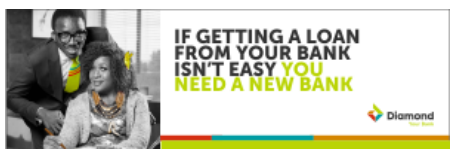
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the case file for DPP's advice."

The magistrate, Mr. O.A Komolafe, agreed to remand the defendants in the Ikoyi Prison for a minimum of 30 days permitted by the law.

The matter was adjourned to May 19, 2014 for DPP's advice.

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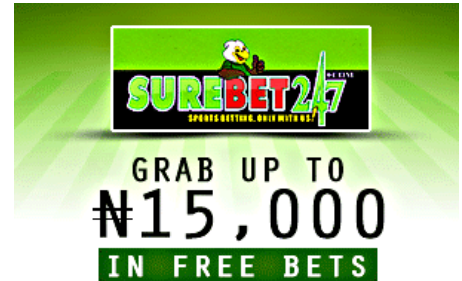
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