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AUGUST 11, 2014 BY SAMSON FOLARIN [LEAVE A COMMENT](#)

A 29-year-old national of Republic of Benin, Moses Doussou, has been discovered killed and his corpse interred in a grave with his bible.

Also found in the shallow grave was the knife with which he was murdered.

The incident was said to have happened in an uncompleted building in Awuse Estate, Opebi, Ikeja area of Lagos.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased was one of the workers at the site and was also living in the uncompleted building.

He was said to be staying with one other labourer, Saleh Ali, 25.

However, our correspondent gathered that Ali got some more friends to join him in the building.

The growing number of squatters was said to have angered the owner of the project, who instructed Dossou to ask them to vacate the site.

It was learnt that the deceased asked the squatters to leave the premises.

The friends, who were said to be from Kaduna State, were said to have ganged up against him and stabbed him in the chest with a kitchen knife.

They reportedly dragged his corpse to the back of the building and covered him up with sands before fleeing the scene.

A source said, "The security men opposite another house in front of the uncompleted building heard noises that night and banged the gate into the building, but there was no response.

"It was the following morning that they went there.

"They saw blood stains at the point the boy was killed, which they traced to the back of the building.

"They saw where they covered him up with his bible and a knife they used in killing him."

The police were later alerted to the incident and they arrested Ali and 29-year-old Abacha Sheriff.

The principal suspect was, however, said to be at large.

The apprehended suspects were arraigned before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court on two counts of murder.

The charge reads, "That you, Saleh Ali, Abacha Sheriff, and others now at large, on July 20, 2014, at about 12am at Oroleye Crescent, Awuse Estate, Opebi Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit; murder.

"That you did unlawfully kill one Moses Dossou, aged 29 years, by stabbing him on his chest with a kitchen knife."

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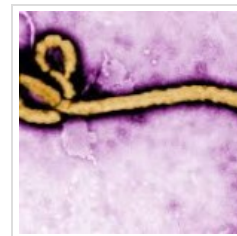
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The police prosecutor, Corporal Cyriacus Osuji, said the offence was punishable under sections 231 and 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.

The defendants' pleas were not taken.

Osuji applied for the remand of the defendants in custody pending legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

The magistrate, F.J. Adefioye, agreed to remand the defendants in custody pending DPP's advice.

The matter was adjourned till September 9, 2014.

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