

Court remands farm worker, herdsman for killing boss

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A Kwara State Magistrate's Court sitting at Ilorin, the state capital, on Thursday, ordered the remand of a farm worker and three herdsman for allegedly killing a farmer.

The accused persons, Isiaka Sabi, Hassan Bature and Ardo Umaru, who were charged with culpable homicide, were alleged to have killed the victim, Jamiu Ibrahim, 45, during a robbery.

The police alleged that the defendants, on June 29, 2022, conspired and killed Ibrahim of Idofin Odo-Ashe in the Oke-Ero Local Government Area of the state.

The First Information Report said, "That on the same date at about 12am, five unknown gunmen invaded the Asalapa farm settlement via Idofin Odo-Ashe and took his brother, Jamiu Ibrahim, out of his room into a guinea corn farm behind his house, where he was fired with a gun and abandoned to die in a pool of blood."

The report also revealed that the suspects killed Ibrahim for refusing to give them money.

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“During discreet investigation conducted at the SCID, Ilorin, it was revealed that Sabi Isiaka, who was a labourer working for the deceased, invited Hassan Bature and Umaru Ardo, of different Fulani settlements, and planned to rob Jamiu Ibrahim on July 26, but executed the plan of attacking him on June 29, 2022.

“During discreet investigation, Sabi Isiaka confessed to have conspired with Hassan Bature, Umaru Ardo, Janyo Dogo and Ahiyah (at large) to rob the deceased.”

At the hearing of the case on Thursday, the police prosecutor, Thomas Adebayo, urged the court to remand the defendants in prison for 21 days, pending the outcome of police investigation into the alleged crime.

The Magistrate, A. Mogaji, remanded the defendants in the Oke-Kura Custodial Centre.

She adjourned the case till September 1, 2022, for mention.