

• L-R: Special Adviser to the President on Niger Delta, Hon Kingsley Kuku with the Managing Director of Lufthansa's Pilot Training Network, Captain Holger Hoffmann and the Sales Manager, Simulator Training Division, Mr Robert Poposki, during the signing of a pilot training contract for Niger Delta youths in Abuja yesterday.

# Money ritual: Uncle, 2 others 2 docked over alleged murder

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FABOWALE, Ibadan**

**T**hree men are facing trial in Ibadan for allegedly killing a three-year-old boy for money-making ritual.

Two of the accused persons are the victim's 25-year-old uncle, Ahmidu Jimoh and John Joseph, a traditional witch doctor allegedly contracted for the ritual.

Their accomplice is one Maliki, who allegedly, together with Jimoh and one Matthew, who is still at large, sought the get-rich-quick solution.

The three men, living in Igangan, a town on the northern part of Oyo State, were alleged to have reportedly consulted John Joseph to help in making them rich. The herbalist was said to have demanded for a human being for ritual sacrifice.

Jimoh, who lives in the same compound with the boy's father and grandfather, Daily Sun learnt, offered his elder brother's

son and on July 24, took away little AbdulRahman Jimoh and buried him alive about 20 metres away from the family house in Isale Akao, Igangan, with the intention of going back to remove the body and taking it to the herbalist.

However, when the boy was found missing and frantic and extensive search for him proved abortive, the parents suspected Ahmidu and confronted him. The accused report-

edly opened up and led the family members to the shallow grave in a nearby bush where the body of the victim was exhumed.

The matter was immediately reported to the police station at Ayete by his father, Alfa Wasiu Jimoh.

The police promptly arrested the suspect while the corpse was taken to the General Hospital, Oke Akao in, Igangan.

Jimoh, in his confessional statement, named

the rest of the gang, who were subsequently arrested and arraigned in a Chief Magistrate Court on holden charge on Wednesday, August 7 for murder.

The Magistrate, Alhaja F.A. Badrudeen ordered that the accused be remanded in Agodi Prisons, pending the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The case was then adjourned till September 16 for mention.