

eachwinner as they have not been able to raise the money demanded by his ductors. A family source said, "we can't even comment on the issue as we don't know

were detained while others were released. Following the recent upsurge in kidnapping, residents of FESTAC Town traced the recent happenings in their domain to the proximity to waterways.

Arase to deploy his Special Intelligence Response Squad (SIRS), to Lagos so as to nip in the bud the kidnapping incidents that have resurfaced in Lagos."

Murder: Court remands NURTW boss in prison

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Mr. Godwin Osuyi.

E Lagos State Chief Magistrate's court, Ebute-Metta, has ordered the defendant in custody of the Chairman of the National Union of Transport Workers (NURTW), Mr. Onibudo, over alleged conspiracy murder.

The Court presided over by Chief Magistrate Afolashade Botoku, made order on Friday, following an application for remand filed and argued before the court by the police prosecutor,

Osuyi informed the court that the application was filed pursuant to Section 264 of the Administration of Criminal Justice of Lagos state, 2011.

He told the court that the defendant was alleged to have conspired with others now at large, and killed one Taiwo Ogunlaja, by stabbing him to death.

He further told the court that the defendant committed the offence during a NURTW's meeting held on December 3, 2015, at the Union's Headquarters, at 365, Abeokuta Expressway, Abule-Egba

Lagos.

The prosecutor told the court that the remand application was supported by a 10-paragraph-affidavit deposed to by Inspector Bartholomew Ali of IGP Monitoring Unit, Abuji. He said a copy of the affidavit, the charge sheet, a petition written to the police by Plenary Solicitors, the deceased photograph, medical certificate of the cause of the death and a statement of a witness, named Ahmed Balogun are attached to the application.

Consequently, he urged the court to

remand the defendant in prison custody, pending when the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), will issue an advice on the matter.

However, Chief Magistrate Botoku while dismissing the objection raised by defendant counsel, ordered that the accused be remanded in prisons custody for the first 30 days, pending when DPP will issue an advice on the matter.

The Chief Magistrate also ordered the police to duplicate the case file and forward it to the DPP for advice.

The matter has been adjourned till February 29, 2016.

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the services of experts and enlisted the Norwegian Government