

Alleged Murder: Court throws out IGP's request to withdraw charge against suspects

The request by the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali Baba, to discontinue a criminal case against one Kazeem Jinadu, alongside two others, over the alleged murder of Muda Balogun, has been thrown out.

IGP Baba's prayer for discontinuation of the murder case was dismissed by Magistrate K. K. Awoyinka of a Lagos State Magistrate's Court in Tinubu while handing down her ruling on the matter.

The Police had arraigned Kazeem Jinadu, Maaru Amisu and Oluwatobi Ajao Tunmise, before the Magistrate on six counts bordering

on murder, an offence punishable under Section 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015.

According to the charge, Jinadu Kazeem a.k.a. Goroso, Maaru Amisu, and Oluwatobi Ajao Tumise a.k.a. 50 cent and others now at large, on September 28, 2022, at Iyana-Iba Area of Ojo LGA Lagos in the Lagos Magistrate District, conspired among yourselves to commit felony to wit; murder and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015.'

However, the accused persons, whose pleas were not taken, prayed to the court to

be granted bail through their counsel, N. S. Nwosu (Mrs).

But Magistrate Awoyinka dismissed the oral application and direct-

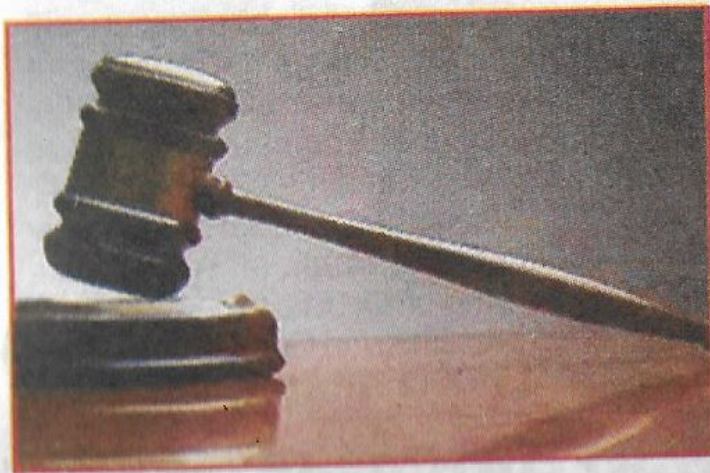
ed the police to duplicate the case file for the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Advice.

Meanwhile, the court, which was still awaiting the report of the DPP over the said murder charge witnessed a different unexpected drama when the police prosecutor in charge of the case, Stephen Moro, brought a letter before the court dated February 2, 2023, from the Office of the IGP requesting for the ongoing case file already before the DPP to be withdrawn.

Moro specifically referred to Section 73 of the ACJL of Lagos State to ask for the discontinuation of the trial.

While questioning the request for the murder charge to be discontinued, counsel for the complainant, Mubashir Babatunde Oshodi, urged the Magistrate to disregard the letter and the application to withdraw the charge as its aim at perverting justice.

Oshodi further argued that it was an obstruction to the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Lagos State.



Court Gavel

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