

Student arraigned for alleged murder

LAGOS—A 23 year-old student, Kudirat Shittu, was yesterday arraigned before an Ebute-Metta Chief Magistrates' Court for alleged murder.

Shittu was alleged to have killed Amida Adams and Hassan Saidi through food poisoning on July 22 at Adams Abijo Street, Epe, in Lagos.

The prosecutor, ASP Joseph Jimoh, told the court that the accused took the food to her boyfriend's home, who then left the food in the custody of his visiting friends, Adams and Saidi, to enable him escort Shittu. "But before he would return back home, his friends had eaten the food and died," Jimoh said.

The prosecutor pleaded with the court not to grant bail to the accused, pointing out that the case file was being forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice to transfer the case to the high court.

The accused, who was crying and praying in court, was not allowed to take her plea before magistrate Taslim Elias because the case file was being forwarded for the advice of the State DPP.

Elias, therefore, ordered that the accused be remanded at the Kirikiri prisons, while the case file is forwarded for the DPP's legal advice and he adjourned the case till Sept. 26.