

Herdsman, 4 others sentenced to death for kidnapping, killing after collecting ransom



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EDE – A herdsman, Issa Ibrahim along with four others were on Tuesday sentenced to death for kidnapping and killing his father, Adamu Ibrahim, after collecting three million ransom.

Other convicts sentenced by the State High Court, sitting in Ede, include Lateef Bello, Abdulrahmon Soliu, Bello Ibrahim and Jolaanabi Saheed.

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When they were arraigned, they pleaded not guilty to the alleged offences, but the prosecuting counsel from the Osun State Ministry of Justice, Moses Faremi during the trial called three witnesses; including two sons of the deceased and a police officer.

He also tendered evidence against them including a stool, club, among others recovered from the house of Jolaanabi, where the deceased was kept at Owode-Ede, after he was kidnapped on April 17, 2017.

“They kidnapped Adamu from his house and took him to the house of Jolaanabi. They demanded for ransom of N10m and later reduced same to N3m which was paid and delivered at Sagamu in Ogun-State.

“While the deceased was in their den, the veil on his face fell off and recognised his abductors after which they killed and dismembered his body and threw the parts into Osun river to cover the crime.

“Issa, one of the convicts, who is the son of the deceased told other gang members that his father did not give him his birthright, hence, urged them to kidnap him for ransom of either money or cow,” he informed the court

The deceased through their various counsel denied their involvement and entered a no-case submission.

The presiding judge, Justice Kudirat Akano, while delivering her judgement said, the prosecution counsel was able to establish that the convicts committed the crime of conspiracy, murder and kidnapping as established in their confessional statements and the evidence given by an eyewitness, who is also a prosecuting witness.

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She said thereafter sentences the convicts to 14 years jail term for conspiracy, 14 years for kidnapping and death for murder, adding that the terms are to run concurrently.