

A TRADITIONAL doctor, commonly known as ng'anga in many Zambian languages, has testified against four prospective clients who sought his services after allegedly committing murder.

The traditional doctor, Davis Lubunda, who is appearing as a state witness, told the Ndola High Court that Watson Mumba, 35, Derrick Kapesa, Pascal Mukuka, 39, and Chinyanta Chibulu, 30, all of Twapia township, had sought cleansing services from him after killing a white man.

The four are facing two charges, one of aggravated robbery and the other of murder

on July 27, 2020. They are alleged to have stolen a mobile phone, chickens, a mattress and pump from Chishika and 10 kilogrammes of nails, a torch, 60x60 kilogrammes of maize and solar batteries valued at K10,025 from Mickess.

When the matter came up before Ndola High Court judge Daniel Musonda for continued trial, state advocate Innocent Kamunga informed the court that Lubunda, 55, of Twapia township, is their second witness.

Mr Lubunda testified that on August 2, 2020, he was on his way to the market when he met Chibulu's wife, who informed him that her husband needed some services.

had killed a white man and wanted to be cleansed of the evil act.

Mr Lubunda said it was at this point that he invited the trio to visit him the following day.

Mr Lubunda told the court that it was at that time while the three were in the house when police apprehended Kapesa and Chibulu while Mumba escaped.

The matter has been adjourned to August 26 year for continued trial.

And a drug dealer who was yesterday found guilty of trafficking in over six grammes of cocaine and marijuana told a magistrate that he is a second offender who was released on amnesty about four years ago.

Govt, EU launch 4m project

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GOVERNMENT and the European Union (EU) have launched a four million euros Zambia for Agro-Forestry, Biodiversity and Climate (Z4ABC) to enhance productive and sustainable agriculture and food systems.

The project aims to put more science into development partnership and to support local solutions to address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an outreach of at least 50,000 smallholder farmers and community members.

Launching the project yesterday, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment Permanent Secretary John Msimuko said the programme is a milestone in the existing

cordial relationship between Zambia and the EU.

He said the partnership has been built over time through interventions targeted at contributing to Zambia's development agenda, which focuses on uplifting the well-being of citizens.

Mr Msimuko said the project will also help to prevent deforestation, land and forest degradation through mitigation and nationally determined contribution (NDC) as a pledge to the Paris Agreement.

"Unfortunately, during the past decade, droughts and increased floods have threatened many livelihoods, thereby negatively affecting their food, water security and quality," he said.

Mr Msimuko said the value chain that will be proposed by

researchers for implementation will contribute to addressing the socio-economic and environmental development challenges.

And Ministry of Agriculture Permanent Secretary Green Mbozi said there is urgent need for Zambia to cut emissions and adapt to climate-impact activities.

Mr Mbozi said the impacts of climate change are associated with reduced rainfall and frequent flash floods.

EU European counsel for green deal, rural development and trade to Zambia and COMESA, Mathias Reusing, said the launch of the project underlines the critical role the Lower Zambezi National Park plays in the geographical context of the Z4ABC project.