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Nigeria: High Chief Beheaded in Delta

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Asaba — A High Chief in Delta state, simply identified as Okpor, was yesterday beheaded while returning from farm. The chief was allegedly attacked by some unknown assailants at the neighbouring community of Utagbe, Ndokwa axis of the state.

The chief who was a top civil servant in the state civil service was said to have gone to his farm after office hours and was returning in the evening when he was attacked.

He was said to have been matcheted and left on a lonely footpath where he was murdered.

A source said the gory sight could have melted a heart of stone, describing the mood of his family as melancholic. "The family was still in deep shock and was yet to figure out the motive behind the murder."

The State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Mr. Charles Muka who confirmed the incidence explained in Asaba yesterday that the police was working frantically to unravel the mystery surrounding the killing.

Muka said that the police was yet to determine if the killers were ritualists on the prowl or hired assassins who trailed their victims to the farm.

The PPRO said that no arrest has been made but that the law enforcement agents were determined to apprehend the culprits and bringing them to book.

His corpse has since been deposited at an undisclosed hospital in Kwale.

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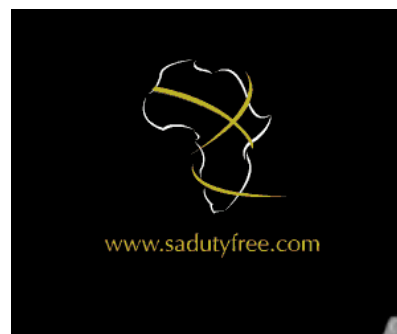
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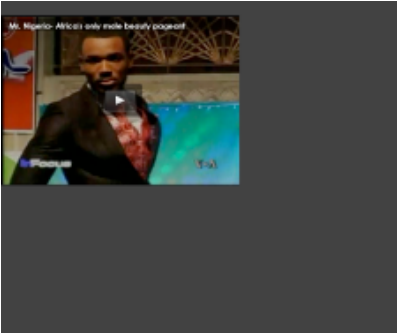
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