

# Alleged Murder: Court Refuses To Compel Police To Release Report

Justice Baba Idris of an FCT High Court Nyanya on Friday ruled against an order, compelling the police to release a report into their investigation on the alleged murder of a widow, Mrs Helen Okoro.

Okoro, 65, who hailed from Arochukwu, Abia, was allegedly killed on Dec. 30, 2017 by people suspected to be political thugs.

Ruling on the order of mandamus, Idris, held that the application for the order was premature and lacked merit.

He held that the exhibit before the court stated that the Attorney General of Abia asked the police to carry out further investigation into the matter.

"It is clear in that exhibit that the attorney general of Abia requested from the

police for further investigation on the matter and order would be given when they refused to perform their duty. In that case the application lacks merit and thereby struck out.

Ironically, the suspects are yet to be arraigned in court and the police are yet to release the investigation file to the office of the Attorney-General of Abia.

The applicant, Mrs Blessing Ephraim, daughter of the deceased on Nov. 8, 2018, through Mr Maxwell Okpara, her counsel, had filed a suit against the inspector-general of police.

They sought the order of the court for an order of mandamus, compelling the police to release their investigation file on the murder of Okoro.