

# Death sentence for two brothers for killing farmer

**A** KWA Ibom State High Court sitting in Essien Udim has sentenced two brothers to death for killing a farmer over a parcel of land.

The convicted murderers are, 48-year-old Uduak Udo Umoren, a pastor and motorcyclist called "Okada" and 34-year-old Emmanuel Udo Umoren, a farmer and panel beater both indigenes of Adiasim Ikot Ekon Village in Essien Udim Local Government.

They were condemned for the murder of Iboro Akpan Joe, a 45-year-old farmer and a trader from Ikot Otu also in Essien Udim, when he visited his sister in-law in Adiasim Ikot Ekon to condole with her on the death of her husband.

The sister in-law had asked the deceased to accompany her

From Bassey Anthony, Uyo to her late husband's farmland to assess how much she could sell it for his burial.

It was gathered that while on the land, the wife of the second convict saw them and called her husband informing him that someone was trying to bury juju on their family land.

On getting to the farmland, the second convict beat the deceased, while his wife also invited her son and her brother in-law who joined in attacking the deceased with machete and stabbed him with broken bottles.

The plea of the sister in-law and the deceased's wife, who heard the cry for help and rushed to the scene, fell on deaf ears, as the deceased was beaten to a state of comatose and dragged to his family compound close to the farm.