

# Three to die by hanging for killing Delta monarch

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**T**HE Delta State High Court sitting in Ibusa has sentenced three persons to death for killing the traditional ruler of Ubulu-Uku kingdom. Obi Edward Akaze Ofulue 111, nine years after his death.

The three defendants, Suleiman Musa 2nd, Garba Abubakar 3rd, and Haruna 4th, were sentenced to death by hanging while the 1st defendant, Jemilu Ahmed, was jailed for five years and 14 years respectively.

Obi Ofulue was in January 2016 murdered after he was kidnapped by gunmen along the



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Ubulu-Uku-Obior Road.

In her judgement, the presiding judge, Justice M. O Omovie, held that the prosecution had proved beyond

reasonable doubt the 10 counts against the defendants.

"Having listened to the prosecution case with evidence, the court upholds that the prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt the 10 counts against the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th defendants.

"The 1st defendant is hereby sentenced to five years and 14 years without an option of fine in respect of the two counts against him. Both terms would run concurrently.

"The 2nd, 3rd and 4th defendants are hereby sentenced, among other terms, to death by hanging on the neck," the judge

declared.

Speaking after the judgment on Tuesday in Asaba, Mrs. J.E Odogun, who led other

## Lagos task force arrests 17 for street begging

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**T**HE Lagos State Environmental Taskforce has arrested 17 persons, including eight minors in some parts of the state for alleged street begging.

The Commissioner for Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, who disclosed this on his X.com handle on Tuesday stated that the operation was to maintain law

prosecutors through the defence and adoption of final written address, applauded the judgment.

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and order in the metropolis.

According to him, the task force carried out the operation on Monday during a patrol on major routes, including Alfred Rewane, Osborne, Alexandra, Bourdillon in Ikoyi, and the Lekki-Ajah express corridor on Victoria Island.

Wahab noted that the arrested individuals were involved in street begging.

He wrote, "The Lagos State