

Judge's absence stalls trial of suspected killers of two kids in Aba

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**A**bsence of the Judge of Obingwa Ngwa High Court, Abia State, Justice Zikora Ori, Friday, stalled the trial of four men accused of ritual murder of two school kids of the same parents in Abayioma village near Aba.

The suspects identified as Chibuike Ekeji, Chinedu Njoku, Amarachi Ukoha and Chimezie Njoku were said to have on June 11, 2012 masterminded the ritual murder of two brothers of the same parents, Prince Nwoha (6) and Kenneth Nwoha (4).

The two kids, who were the only male children of their parents, were said to have been lured into an uncompleted building by the suspects where they allegedly murdered them for ritual purposes.

Their vital organs including eyes, tongues, breasts and penis were allegedly removed and their bodies buried in a shallow grave inside a palm plantation near their school in Amaoji community.

Following the incident, the four accused persons were arrested at different locations between June 12 and July 19, 2012 and arranged in court on two-count charges of kidnapping and murder.

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