

Suspected kidnappers kill, bury 59-year-old woman in Ebonyi

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GUNMEN suspected to be kidnappers have killed a 59-year-old woman, Mrs. Catherine Okorie, abducted from her home in Amanonye, Ishiagu community, Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, in January.

Her remains were discovered in a shallow grave in a forest.

The deceased was kidnapped on January 18, 2017, by yet-unidentified persons and subsequently whisked to an unknown location, before her remains were discovered in a shallow grave recently.

Though the police have arrested some suspects in connection with the crime, the man believed to have masterminded the kidnap is still at large.

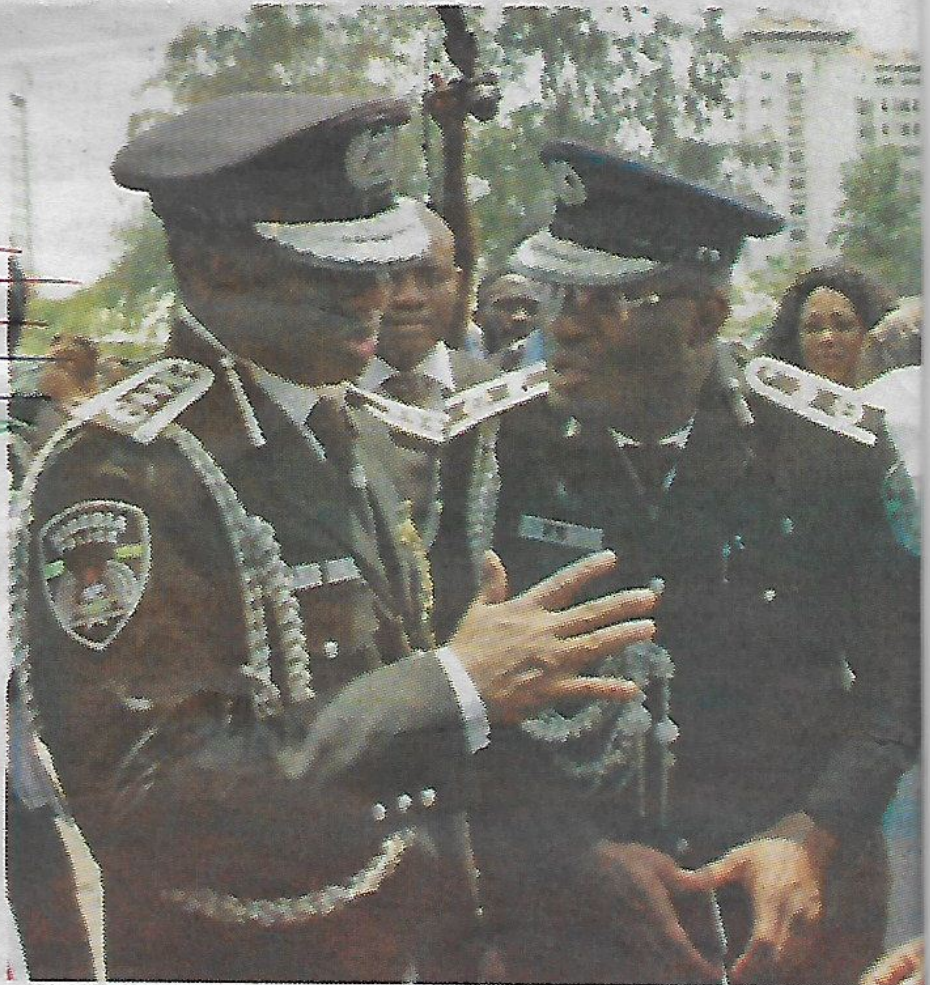
Okorie's abductors had contacted the family a few days after her kidnap and demanded N200 million ransom for her release.

would be paraded and charged to court on completion of investigation.

Those arrested were identified as 26-year-old Obinna Elah, Arinze Abecheta, 24; Chukwu Ebuka Ikeazota, 23; Samuel Ugochukwu, 24, and Clifford Aheana.

prison officials and some bystanders were wounded by the gunfire. Two suspects were taken along with the deceased.

The Public Relations Officer of Nigeria Prisons Service, Mr. Madugba, said that the account had been mistaken for operation.



• L-R: Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris; Co Fatai Owoseni; and Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Oluwalanle Ojo, during the First Biannual Special Training and Capacity Development for the Nigeria Police Force, Zone 2, at Federal Palace, Lagos, Thursday.