

friends and loved ones, while some in the been poisoned, and had been committing that could cause trouble.

Wife, mother-in-law, cleric, doctor jailed over lawyer's death

The long-running murder case of Godwin Ikoiwak, a senior lawyer with the Akwa Ibom State Government, has come to a dramatic end, with five out of six accused persons convicted for conspiracy and complicity in his killing through poisoning.

Delivering judgment, Justice Bassey Nkanang of Akwa Ibom State High Court 9, sitting in Uyo, sentenced the convicts to a combined 28 years imprisonment.

The sentences were handed down as follows: Mrs. Abasiaseabanga Godwin Ikoiwak (the wife) — two years; Mrs. Margaret Patrick Umoh (the mother-in-law) — 10 years; Owoidoho Patrick Umoh (the sister-in-law) — 10 years; Dr. Imoh Johnson — two years; and Rev. Father Gabriel Ekong — four years.

The state had charged the deceased's wife in 2022 with the murder of her husband, a state counsel at the Ministry of Justice, following disputes over the paternity of his children. He was allegedly poisoned during a visit to his mother-in-law, the second de-

fendant.

Autopsy reports revealed that Barr. Ikoiwak died from organophosphate poisoning, known locally as "Ota piapia." His body also bore unexplained injuries to the left eye socket, neck, and wrist.

In an alleged attempt to cover up the crime, Rev. Father Mbeke, a family friend, reportedly contacted Rev. Father Gabriel Ekong, administrator of St. Luke's Hospital, Annua. Father Ekong then instructed

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Anambra Police Command has condemned the killing of Ebony sons in Ogboji Orumba South Local Government Area.

Recall that indigenes of Ebony State resident in Anambra state were holding Town Union meeting last Monday when suspected gunmen stormed the venue of the meeting at around 7pm and accused them of holding meeting against them.

Dr. Imoh Johnson to open a file and issue medical documents falsely stating that the deceased was treated for asthma before his death at the hospital.

In a detailed judgment lasting two hours and 40 minutes, Justice Nkanang found the five guilty, while discharging and acquitting the sixth accused, Dr. Isaac Njoku. The judge noted that the reduced sentences took into account that the convicts were first-time offenders, as well as their age and health conditions.

Ogboji: 10, not 13 persons died -Anambra Police

After collecting the minutes book for the meeting they opened fire on them killing thirteen persons while the Chairman and Treasurer escaped with bullet wounds.

But the Command is claiming that ten persons were killed while the Chairman of the Town Union contended that thirteen persons were killed.

In a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer SP Tochukwu Ikegbo, a

One person confirmed dead others injured at explosion

Muhammad Kabir
KANO

One person has been confirmed dead and six others injured following an explosion on Monday evening, June 30, at a scrapyard in Kofar Dawanau, Dala Local Government Area of Kano State.

The blast, which occurred around 5:30 PM, happened as workers were offloading metal scraps from a semi-trailer with

that the culprits would be brought to book.

"The Anambra State Police Command has condemned the indiscriminate shooting incident that resulted in fatal injuries and fatalities to ten persons on the evening of 30th June, 2025, at Ogboji, Orumba South Local Government Area.

"The police have further assured that the Command shall hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice."