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3 to die by hanging for kidnap, murder of Rivers chief



sentenced them to death by hanging or by lethal injection for the kidnap and murder of Chief Abbot Ogbobula.

Sometime in June 2017, Ogbobula, now deceased, was kidnapped at Ahoada and taken by his abductors to Manikin forest in Degema Local Government Area of the state where he eventually died.

Ogbobula was subsequently buried in a shallow grave in the said forest, although his body was later exhumed in the course of Police investigation on the matter.

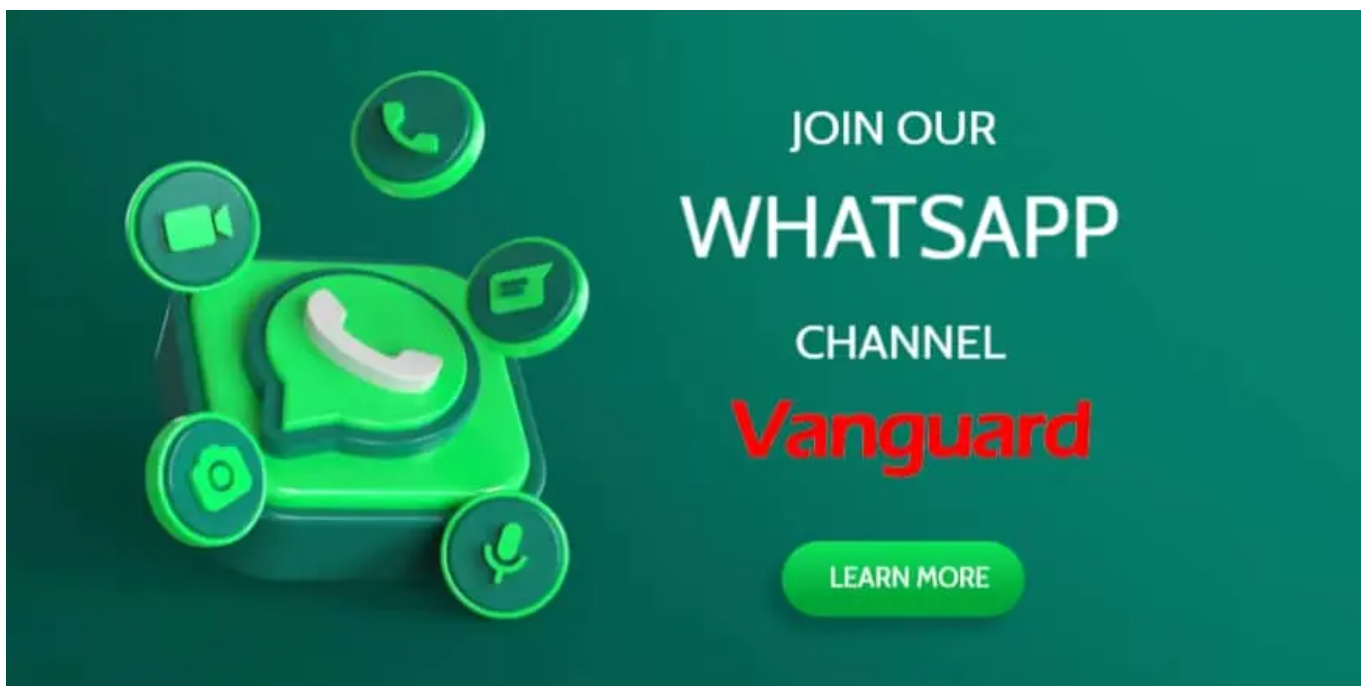
However, four persons were arrested and charged to court on four counts of conspiracy to kidnap, kidnapping, conspiracy to murder and murder of Ogbobula.

In its judgment, yesterday, the trial judge, Justice M. W. Danagogo, discharged and acquitted the 3rd defendant, Goodnews Nwoka, a.k.a. Maximum, on all the counts of conspiracy, kidnapping and murder of Ogbobula.

Danagogo, however, on conspiracy to kidnap convicted and sentenced the 1st, 2nd and 4th defendants to seven years imprisonment with no option of fine.

The judge on the second count convicted and sentenced the 1st, 2nd and 4th defendants to death by hanging.

Danagogo on Count 3, conspiracy to murder Ogbobula, convicted and sentenced the 1st, 2nd and 4th defendants to 14 years imprisonment with no option of fine.



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