

Kano Court Sentences Man To Death For Killing Newborn Son



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The Kano State High Court has sentenced Abubakar Alhaji Sabo to death by hanging after finding him guilty of killing his newborn son.

The Kano State Government prosecuted Sabo before the court on charges of culpable homicide and causing grievous harm. He was accused of forcefeeding the infant with a local insecticide known as 'fiya-fiya', resulting in the child's death.

Sabo killed the baby after the mother, his girlfriend, refused to obey his instruction to kill the child to avoid the shame of fathering a child out of wedlock. Following the incident, he was also found guilty of striking the girlfriend's father on the head with a brick after he caught Sabo poisoning the baby.



During the trial, the prosecution counsel, Barrister Safiya Yalwati Yahaya, presented three witnesses, while the defendant testified in his own defence.

After reviewing the evidence presented by both parties, Justice Aisha Yau, who presided over the case, found him guilty of infanticide and sentenced him to death by hanging. The court also imposed an additional three-year prison sentence for causing grievous harm.