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2 robbers to die by hanging in Kano

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

A Kano State High Court yesterday found two men guilty of armed robbery, and sentenced them to death by hanging.

The convicts, Shehu Mohammed, alias Baban Rasha, and Nura Bello, were convicted of attacking the residence of Professor Ibrahim Ayagi in Kano on 12 November, 2005, during which they bound his hands and beat him to a pulp.

They were also said to have carted away N500,000 and jewellery worth N900,000. They were charged under Section 1(2a) of the Robbery and Fire Arms Special Provision Laws of Nigeria.

Six witnesses were called by the prosecution during the trial. Delivering judgment, Justice Ahmad Tijjani Badamasi said the prosecution established the case of armed robbery against the two, and sentenced them to death by hanging.

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Gunmen kill 2 in Gombe

From Lawal Ibrahim, Gombe

UNIDENTIFIED gunmen on Sunday night shot and killed 25-year-old Bello Faruk and 18-year-old Mashood Hassan at Iekadafari quarters of Gombe metropolis.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Dsp Fwuji Attajiri, who confirmed the development to newsmen, said the police have commenced investigation into the matter, but that no arrest has so far made.

The police spokesperson said the incident occurred around 8:00pm, and that the deceased died of gun shots at the state's Specialist Hospital, where they were rushed to after the incident.

A witness and nephew to the deceased, said the gunmen earlier called the deceased on phone while he was preparing to go to mosque, and that he was on his way to meet with them when they opened fire.

Daily Trust gathered that the second deceased person was hit by a stray bullet while he was saying his prayers at the mosque.