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Man to hang for killing 65-year-old woman

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Kano

A 30-year-old man was yesterday sentenced to death by hanging by a High Court sitting in Kano, for killing a 65-year-old woman.

The accused person, Sagiru Attahiru and resident of Tsamiya Babba village in Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State, was said to have on May 6, 2012, used a pestle to hit the deceased, Mairo Dauda, on her head.

The prosecuting counsel led by Barrister Bashir Salihi told the court that Mairo who was residing at Tokarawa quarters of Nassarawa Local Government Area, died in a hospital following the injury sustained from the incident.

The accused pleaded not guilty and pretended to be insane. But when he was taken to the General Psychiatric Hospital in Dawanau, the doctors declared that he was sound and capable of facing trial.

The prosecution counsel presented five witnesses before the court in addition to a confessional statement by the accused person. The court presided over by Justice Tani Yusuf Hassan said the prosecuting counsel proved to the court beyond reasonable doubt that the accused committed the offense. She, therefore, sentenced him to death by hanging.

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