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# MAN KILLS 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL AFTER FAILED RAPE ATTEMPT



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The Bauchi State High Court presided over by Justice Yelim Bogoro has sentenced a 40-year old man, Ibrahim Idris, to death by hanging for killing a six-year-old girl after he failed in his attempt to rape her.

Idris was dragged to court by the state Director of Public Prosecution, Barrister Dawud Yakubu. He was charged with culpable homicide. The prosecution told the court that on 14/9/12, the accused invited the deceased into his room, and that when she arrived, he attempted to rape her.

"When she refused to allow him carry out the act, he cut off her head and put the head in a polythene bag which he threw into a water channel," the prosecution said.

He added that the body was later recovered and taken to the General Hospital Darazo, where a post-mortem was carried out.

He called five witnesses and presented the axe and knife that the accused used to cut the girl's head as exhibits. It was also gathered that the accused made a confessional statement.

In her judgement, Justice Bogoro said the confessional statement of the accused was direct and held that the prosecution proved its case. She then sentenced the accused to death by hanging.

"I hereby sentence you to death. You shall be hanged by the neck till you die," she said. The accused has 30 days to appeal the ruling.

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