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## Man jailed 4 years for killing brother

From Mairo Haruna Dala, Maiduguri

A man, Musa Adamu of Ghung village in Hawul Local Government Area of Borno State has been sentenced to four years imprisonment by a Maiduguri High Court presided over by Justice Alkali Gana Wakkil for killing his brother.

Adamu, who was

arraigned before the court for manslaughter, a culpable homicide offence not punishable with death, admitted stabbing his younger brother on the chest and neck till he died following a misunderstanding.

Represented in court by his counsel, Barrister B. A. Modu, the convict admitted killing his younger brother,

Wasinda Pindar when he had misunderstanding with him and that the deceased tried to force his way into the compound the suspect was guarding.

The prosecution counsel urged the court to convict him summarily since the accused, who is represented in court by a counsel, has admitted guilt of the charges.

But Barrister Modu representing the accused pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy because the accused has wife, several children and an aged mother.

Justice Wakkil in his judgment sentenced Adamu to four years imprisonment with an option of N200,000 fine, saying that the convict

looked remorseful and that he saved the time of the court by admitting guilt without prolonging matters.

"No amount of defence ever justifies killing. In the course of justice, none of us shall see salvation. He is thus given an option of fine. Failing which he stays in prison for four years," the judge said.

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