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Man to die by hanging for killing neighbour

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A Kano State High Court has sentenced one Musa Auwalu of Dotsa village in the Kumbotso local government of the state to death by hanging for killing his neighbour over a misunderstanding arising from dog's barks.

The accused person was dragged to the court for allegedly killing, on August 22, 2013, a male resident of the same village, one Labaran Inuwa, by hitting him on the head with a stick.

The state prosecuting counsel, Barrister Bashir Sale, told the court that the deceased had complained to the accused that his (Auwalu's) dogs had constituted a danger to him as it was always barking at him whenever he passed by.

The complaint had degenerated into a quarrel during which the accused hit the deceased on the head with a stick, causing multiple injuries that led to death on the spot.

When the accused first appeared before the court in June 2014, he pleaded not guilty to the one-count charge of culpable homicide punishable with death under Section 221 (b) of the Penal Code Law of Kano state 1991 as amended.

But in the course of the trial, the prosecution state counsel tendered

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the stick used by the accused in killing the deceased, and presented four witnesses who all testified that the accused had hit the deceased on the head with that stick.

Justice Mohammed Yahaya read that the accused, upon his arrest, did voluntarily admit he beat the deceased with a stick. He added that the prosecutor had proved his case beyond reasonable doubt and, therefore, sentenced the accused to death by hanging.





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