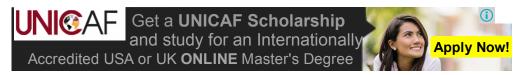
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Court jails man for killing farmer over wife

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A man who stabbed a farmer to death after catching him having sex with his wife in the bush has been convicted by a Borno State High

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Justice Alkali Gana Wakkil of High Court 11 convicted Bulama Modu of Ngamma village, Maiduguri, on a one-count charge of culpable homicide, not punishable with death, contrary to Section 224 of the Penal Code.







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He sentenced Modu to five years imprisonment with an option of paying fine of N250, 000 for stabbing the deceased farmer several times to death.

Modu had earlier told the court that when his wife, Falmata Kundura, left his house on January 29, 2015, to attend the wedding ceremony of her friend in a neighbouring village, he was monitoring her because he realised that the deceased man, Bunu Zarami, was following her closely and in suspicious manner.

He said he found Zarami on top his wife having sex with her in the bush.

He said that when he saw him, the deceased brought out a knife and attempted to stab him but that he (Modu), instead, succeeded in stabbing him.

But in her testimony, the wife denied having sex with the late Zarami, saying that when the deceased person saw her, he ran after her but she escaped into a house.

The prosecution counsel, J. A. Kwatamdiya, presented six witnesses that testified. He also tendered a knife, flashlight, statements of the witnesses as exhibits. The convict, represented in the court by his counsel, S. Kyari, told the court that the deceased person had trailed his wife for a long time.

Justice Wakkil, in his judgment, said: "The convict met his wife making love to the deceased in the bush. Convict did not mince his words. It is heartbreaking to meet your wife making love to another person in the bush but it is not an excuse to stab him to death. No amount of defense ever justifies a killing, except done lawfully.

"Poachers of married women are on the prowl and married people should be watchful and learn how to catch a monkey alive. It is regrettable that the convict has for long been keeping vigil on his wife, having been informed that the deceased has been having affair with his wife. It is because of this ordeal that the court decided to be lenient with him."

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