

Man, 27, to hang for killing 7-year-old stepbrother

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The Bauchi state High Court 5 has sentenced 27-year-old Salisu Ali of Zango village in Tafawa Balewa local government area to death by hanging for culpable homicide. In its judgment, the court presided over by Justice Muhammad Abubakar Sambo sentenced the accused to death by hanging for killing his seven-year old stepbrother Yusuf Ali.

The prosecution counsel Barrister A S Gumba, told the court that the accused took the deceased to the bush where he hit him with a stick, killing him instantly. The accused, according to the prosecution counsel, later cut off the private part of the deceased and gave it to his dog.

In a confessional statement, the accused confirmed that he killed little Yusuf because of a misunderstanding between him and the mother of the deceased. According to him, he did not take any intoxicant when he committed the offence.

The first witness presented by the prosecution counsel, Malam Aliyu Shehu said that a good Samaritan informed him that he saw the accused with the deceased on their way to the bush.

Shehu who is the father to both the accused and the deceased told the court that on the day the boy was killed, he was sent to the market by his mother to buy detergent but was taken into the bush by the accused and murdered.

The witness added that some youths from the village later forced the accused into the bush where he showed them the corpse.

In his judgment, Justice Abubakar Sambo ordered that the accused be hanged on the neck until he dies.