

# 2 to die for homicide, cattle rustling

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**A** Kogi State High Court sitting in Okene has convicted and sentenced the duo of Muhammed Laal Jauro and Yusuf Sanni to death for culpable homicide and cattle rustling.

Justice Josiah Majebi of the Okene Division of the High Court of Justice found the duo guilty on four-count of criminal conspiracy to commit armed robbery, criminal conspiracy to commit criminal homicide and culpable homicide.

The prosecutor witness had earlier told the court that in January 2006, one Dauda Abdullahi reported the gruesome murder and theft of the cows of one Haruna in a farm in Okene.

He said, upon further investigation, the accused persons were arrested at Ajase-Ikpo in Kwara State while their leader, Awaijo Wetti, was still at large as at the time of the prosecution.

He said that the convicts admitted committing the offences together with the said leader, narrating how they grouped and subsequently macheted their

victim to death in his farm and eventually stole his cows.

In his judgement, Justice Majebi declared that the confessions of the accused persons were "weighty and admissible" adding that they were "clear, specific and unambiguous."

The judge also said the prosecution satisfactorily established that the death of the deceased was caused by the convicts and therefore sentenced duo to 28 years each on the first three counts and sentenced them to death by hanging on the fourth charge of culpable homicide.