

40-year-old man to die by hanging for killing wife, stepson in Adamawa

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JUSTICE Fatimah Tafida of Jan Adamawa State High Court has sentenced 40-year old Bangos Adamu to death by hanging for killing his wife and child.

The convict, who hails from Janjaba village in the Gombi Local Government Area (LGA) of the state, was found guilty for killing his wife, Regina Bangos, and her child, Revelation James.

In her judgment, the judge said: "The prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that Bangos was guilty of the two-count charge preferred against him," and therefore convicted him as charged. Justice Tafida ordered that Bangos be hanged until he dies.

In his confessional statement, Bangos told the court that he married his late wife after she was divorced by her former husband, adding that she married him with a child born for her former husband. He informed the court that she often threatened to return to her former lover whenever they disagreed on an issue.

"Her son always supports her on threat return to him," he stated.

According to him, they were together at home on June 15, 2021, when she asked him to give her grains to prepare food for them: "I simply told her to go to the kitchen and get it but she refused instead, she demanded that I should buy bread for them. "I refused to buy the bread, and as soon as I told her no, she started grumbling, complaining that it was better for her to return to her former husband. What she said angered me and her son who immediately supported her because of his support.

"When we woke up the following day I took an axe and cutlass and hit her three times on the head," he recalled.

He confessed that while she was struggling to give up the ghost, he hit the little boy and fled the scene of the tragic incident and reported himself to the chairman Local Hunters Association, who arrested him and handed him over to the police in Gombi LGA. In their reactions shortly after the judgement, counsels for the prosecution, A.A.Babakano, and that of the convict, F. A. Ogbe, thanked the court for the judgement.