

APC v PDP Bicker: Court Slams Man 10yrs Imprisonment For Manslaughter

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Federal High Court, Lagos

A Lagos High Court sitting in Igbosere has on Tuesday sentenced a man, Kamoru Kushimo, to 10 years imprisonment for stabbing his friend, Mubarak Olawale Salau, to death.

Kushimo stabbed his friend to death, over argument who would win the Presidential Elections that took place in 2015.

Justice Sedoten Ogunsanya, the presiding trial judge, sentenced him after reviewing the facts and evidence before her.

She found him guilty of the offence of manslaughter and sentenced him accordingly.

Kushimo was arraigned on February 10, 2016, on a count charge of manslaughter preferred against him by Lagos State.

Trouble started after the deceased returned from the political rally of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) to the viewing centre where he and the convict, who was also supporting All Progressive Congress (APC), started arguing about who was going to win the 2015 presidential election.

However, the convict and the deceased would engage in a fight. The convict insulted the deceased, saying it seems he was intoxicated with the Alomo bitters, (a popular gin), so much so he was talking nonsense.

In the process, the deceased got angry and went to pick up a knife to fight the convict, who ran to a nearby location to fetch a broken bottle, following which he stabbed the deceased in his chest and back, which led to his death.

After the incident, some of the people, who were at the viewing centre, tried to take the deceased and the convict to a nearby hospital for treatment.

It was then that they were informed that the deceased was already dead. Thus they decided to take the convict to the Police Station.

Mr Adebayo Haroun, the Prosecutor, during the convict's arraignment told the court that the convict committed the offence on November 5, 2014.

He said the convict stabbed the deceased Mubarak Olawale Salau, who is also his friend, with a broken Star larger beer bottle, in the side of the deceased's chest and on the left side of his back.

Haroun said that the incident occurred at a viewing centre at Alaafia Street, Alaagba Bus Stop, in Lagos at about 9:30 pm.

However, during trial, the prosecution called four witnesses who testified before the court.

Delivering judgment on Tuesday, Justice Ogunsanya, said that from the evidence before her, the prosecution had been able to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

Delivering her ruling, Justice Ogunsanya said, "The convict is hereby sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and it's to run concurrently."

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