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Court Sentences Man To Death By Hanging For Murder

① **A** Lagos State High Court sitting in Ikeja has sentenced a middle-aged man, Moses Haruna, to death by hanging over the murder of one Oriyomi Out two years ago at Anthony Village, Lagos.

The presiding judge, Justice Oyindamola Ogala, pronounced Haruna guilty of the two-count charge of conspiracy to murder and murder offences preferred against him.

Justice Ogala held that the prosecution has proved their case beyond reasonable doubt as stipulated by law. The court therefore sentenced the convict to death without any option of fine.

The Haruna was arraigned in

November 2020 on a two-count charge, which he pleaded not guilty.

He was accused of conspiracy to murder contrary to Section 233 of the Criminal Law, CH 17, Vol. 3 laws of Lagos State 2015 as well as Murder contrary to section 223 of the Criminal Law, CH17, vol.3 laws of Lagos State 2015.

The particular of the offence was that Haruna and two others (now at large) "on or about the 13th February 2020 at Anthony Village playing Ground, Lagos State, in the Ikeja Judicial Division did

conspire to kill one Oriyomi Out (M)", which incident happened "at 05:00hrs at Anthony Village playing Ground, Lagos State, in the Ikeja Judicial Division, did conspire to kill one Oriyomi Out (M) by stabbing him on the head, chest and side with a knife and hitting him on the head with an iron bar."

The trial lasted for about one and a half years and eventually the court concluded the trial and found the convict culpable.

Justice Ogala in her judgment held, "The honourable court find that the prosecution has suffi-

ciently proved the charge of murder contrary to Section 223 of the Criminal Law C17, Vol. 3, Laws of Lagos State 2015 against the defendant and pursuant to the provision of Section 222(1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015 is therefore convicted thereof pursuant to the provision of pt. 22 Section 310 of Administration of Criminal Law of Lagos State (2015).

"The sentence of the court upon you Moses Haruna is that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead and may God have mercy on your soul."