

Court sentences man to death by hanging for killing six-month-old baby



A Delta State High Court sitting at Akwukwu-igbo yesterday sentenced one Obinna Eze to death by hanging for killing a six-month-old child.

Eze was charged with three counts of attempted murder, murder and causing grievous harm, preferred against him by the **Delta State** Government.

The state government had charged Eze for killing a six-month-old baby, one Chimaobi Igwe, and causing bodily harm to the child's mother, Mrs Blessing Igwe.

He pleaded not guilty and trial went on.

However, yesterday, Justice Marcel Okoh found the defendant guilty of all the charge.

Delivering judgment, Justice Okoh held that the prosecution proved its case beyond every reasonable doubt.

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He said that evidence provided by the deceased child's mother, the pathologist, and the confessional statement tendered by the police established the prosecution's case.

The court, on the other hand, rejected the defendant's denial in his testimony before the court, and the retraction of his confessional statement.

The court convicted and sentenced him to death by hanging for killing the six-month-old child.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the prosecution was led by the State Solicitor and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, Mr Omamuzo Erebe.

He said the convict committed the offences on Oct. 27, 2023, at Talita Street, at Okpanam Road Asaba.