## Lawmaker's murder: COURT SENTENCES 2 TO DEATH

From BAYO AKAMO, Ile-Ife AN Osun State High Court,

sitting in Ile-Ife has sentenced two accused persons to death



over the assassination of Mr. Idunayo Olagbaju, a member of Osun State House of Assembly who was killed in December 2001.

According to Justice Tunde Awotoye while delivering his judgement in the trial of three of the 14 suspects so far arrested, Ekundayo Odutoye and Adegbaju Olaolu are to die by hanging.

Justice Awotoye however discharged and acquitted a former councilor in Ife central local govemment Kayode Ogundele.

The judge pointed out that the two accused sentenced to death were found guilty of the allegation and charges brought against them in connection with the assassination of Olagbaju.

Ekundayo Odutoye and Adegbaju Olaolu were immediately after the death sentence was passed on them moved to Ilesa prison custody pending the execution of the judgement.

New Nigerian authoritatively gathered that as at present, 10 other accused persons including a former local government council chairman, a former legislator and two prominent politicians are still at large in connection with the case.

It would be recalled that Odunayo Olagbaju representing Ife Central Constitutency at the Osun State House of Assembly was assassinated in Ile-Ife at the wake of the political crisis that rocked the state between 2001-2003.