

Court sentences police corporal to death by hanging

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THE High Court, Kaura Namoda, in Zamfara State, has sentenced a police corporal, Anthony Azare, to death by hanging having been found guilty in the murder of one Yusuf Abubakar.

In his ruling, the High Court judge, Justice Muktar Yushau, said from the evidence before the court, the accused had intentionally committed the act.

He said the accused had no reason to enter the matrimonial home of the deceased on April 22, 2011, simply because an argument ensued between them.

The Judge stated that the accused not only trespassed but he went on illegal patrol and shot him twice with AK47 rifle (5689) on the shoulder and abdomen.

Buttressing further, Justice Yushau also added that there no evidence that the accused shot the deceased in self defence.

He said his (accused) argument that the deceased hit him with a pestle was not enough reason to kill him.

In his ruling, the Justice Yushau sentenced the accused to death by hanging, pointing out that the offence was contrary to Section 221 of the Penal Code Act.

He also disclosed that the defence counsel could appeal within 90 days.