

Soldier jailed 55yrs for killing WHO staff in Zamfara

A General Court Martial (GCM) sitting in Abuja on Wednesday sentenced a soldier to 55 years imprisonment over culpable homicide, burglary and theft.

The soldier, Lance-Corporal Ibrahim Babangida, was

alleged to have killed one Mr Bello Abdullahi Aliyu before stealing his car at Anka Local Government Area (LGA) of Zamfara State in 2014.

Aliyu was then a staffer of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the state.

Lance-Corporal Babangida was also accused of stealing a mobile phone and N600,000 from various persons, on separate occasions.

President of the GMC, Major-General Priye Fakhrogha, while reading the judgment

after listening to the prosecuting and defence counsel, said the soldier would serve a term of 40 years in jail for homicide.

Major-General Fakhrogha further said Babangida would serve a term of five

years concurrently for pleading guilty to the second, third and fourth charges.

PRNigeria gathered that the GCM's verdict is subject to the confirmation of the Nigerian Army Council Authority.