

Man sentenced to death for killing two women in Kogi

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A Kogi State High Court sitting in Lokoja, on Tuesday, sentenced one Danladi Shado from Odogomu in Ankpa Local Government Area of the state to death for killing two women.

Shado killed the women in their farm on June 6, and escaped from the scene.

He was, however, arrested on July 7, almost a month later.

According to police's first information report, Shado, who wore a mask to avoid been recognised, traced three women to the farm and hacked two of them to death, while the third escaped.

It was gathered that during the attack, one of the women was able to remove his mask, while the one who escaped recognised him.

The presiding judge, Justice Nicodemus Awulu,

said the accused person was sentenced based on sufficient evidence by the prosecuting counsel, which proved beyond reasonable doubt that he committed the offence.

Justice Awulu, in his one hour judgment, said counsel for the accused person could not sufficiently prove the innocence of his client in the event leading to the death of the two women, Jemila Yakubu and Rabiyetu Yusuf.

Reacting to the judgment, counsel for the state, Inedu Opaluwa, described the judgment as well-deserved.

Also speaking, the Chief Legal Officer of the state, Omale Usman, said the judgment reflected the rule of law where criminal elements cannot evade justice.

Counsel for the defendant, Ahmed Muhammed, said he would contact the lead counsel, Richard Ocholi, on the next line of action.