

## 2 Court sentences five vigilante members to death by hanging for killing teenager

A Kano State High Court on Thursday sentenced five vigilante members to death by hanging for stabbing one Ahmed Musa (17) to death.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the convicts, Korau Sani, Elisha Ayuba, Irimiya Timothy, Auwalu Jafar and Mustafa Haladu, attached to the Sani Abacha Youth Centre, were convicted on a two-count charge bordering on criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide.

Delivering judgment, the Chief Judge of Kano State, Justice Dije Abdu-Aboki, held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

"I hereby sentence the defendants to two years imprisonment for conspiracy and to death by hanging, for homicide," the chief judge said.

Earlier, the prosecution counsel, Mr Lamido Sorondinki, had informed the court that the defendants

committed the offence on January 22, 2022, at Sabon Titi Panshekara, Kano.

Sorondinki said that on the same date at about 10:00a.m, the defendants conspired and attacked the deceased while he was crossing Sabon Titi Panshekara road.

"The defendants came out of a tricycle and started beating the deceased with a long wooden hard stick (Gora) and in the process, the deceased held the stick.

"The first defendant used a long sharp knife and stabbed the deceased on his neck and dragged him on the ground and put him in the said tricycle and took him away.

"As a result, the deceased sustained grievous injuries and a swollen face," the prosecution counsel said.

He said the victim was later taken to Kutau police division and was rushed to the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor.