

# Man to die by hanging over murder

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THE Chief Judge of Niger State, Justice Halima Ibrahim Abdulmalik, has sentenced a 31-year-old man, Hamza Mohammed, to death by hanging after he found him guilty on a two-count charge of joint act and culpable homicide.

Delivering judgement, she averred that the offense of

joint act and culpable homicide punishable under Sections 221 and 79 of the Penal Code was established against Mohammed and was therefore sentenced accordingly.

The incident occurred during a free-for-all that erupted at a party between youths of the Kpakungu area of Minna and those of Barikin Saleh where one Isah Mohammed

was stabbed to death by one Baba Usman, who is currently at large.

Baba Usman was said to have pursued the deceased with a knife along with Hamza Mohammed until Baba Usman caught up with him and stabbed the victim which resulted in his death.

In a two-hour judgment, Justice Abdulmalik held that the prosecutor was able to

prove the two-count charges of joint act and culpable homicide beyond every reasonable doubt.

"The case of culpable homicide punishable by death is mandatory. You Hamza Mohammed are hereby convicted and sentenced to death by hanging until you are dead. May the Lord have mercy on your soul," she ruled.