

# Ekiti NURTW member to die by hanging for killing colleague

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Ekiti State High Court

Abiodun Nejo, Ado Ekiti

An Ekiti State High Court sitting in Ado Ekiti, on Tuesday, sentenced a member of the National Union of Road Transport Workers in the state, Abednego Ajibola, to death by hanging for killing his colleague during a disagreement over whose turn it was to pick passengers.

Justice Lekan Ogunmoye found 40-year-old Ajibola guilty of causing the death of one Ojo Ogunsakin, 42, at the Akure Garage, along the Ikere Road in Ado Ekiti on March 10, 2017, contrary to Section 316 of the Criminal Code Cap C16, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

“The ingredients of the offence of murder have been established against the accused person and he is convicted accordingly. The accused person is hereby sentenced to death by hanging on the neck till he will be dead. May the Almighty God have mercy on his soul,” the judge ruled.

To establish the case, the prosecution counsel, Mr Gbemiga Adaramola, called six witnesses, including the Investigating Police Officer, Sergeant Kamaru Momoh; the wife of the deceased, Mrs

Ogunsakin; and Dr. J. A. Omotayo of the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, who conducted the post-mortem examination on the corpse of the deceased.

The defence counsel, Mr Kayode Oyeyemi, called two witnesses and the convict in order to convince the court of Ajibola's innocence.

In his statement to the police, Ajibola had said a brawl broke out between him and the deceased on the loading arrangement on the fateful day.

The convict said the deceased slapped him, which provoked him to retaliate by attacking him with a stone, which led to his death as confirmed by other witnesses.

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