

Driver who killed FRSC official appeals death penalty

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A driver, Usman Aliyu, has filed an appeal after being sentenced to death for killing a Federal Road Safety Corps Marshal Assistant (RMA III), Muhammad Babangida.

A state high court sitting in Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State, had on October 4, 2018, sentenced Aliyu to death for crushing Babangida to death along

Ahmadu Bello Way in the state capital on April 3, 2017.

The Corps Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, in a text message to our correspondent, confirmed that the ruling was being appealed in Sokoto State.

Kazeem said, "The matter is on appeal at the Court of Appeal, Sokoto."

The FRSC had said Aliyu, who drove a Black Toyota

Corolla with registration number KLG342AA on the day of the incident, had attempted to knock down a member of the corps' patrol team, Abubakar Abubakar.

When he could not knock Abubakar down, he was said to have "recklessly headed for the deceased and ensured that he crushed him to death as his first target."