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## Man sentenced to death for killing wife

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Justice Ebenezer Adebajo of Lagos State High Court sitting in Igbosere has pronounced a father of four children guilty over the murder of his wife.

Austine Ugbogbo was convicted and sentenced to death by hanging by the court. The father of four children who resides at railway line, Otto, Oyingbo, Ebute-Metta was dragged before the court by the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) on behalf of the state government over the murder of Ann Ugbogbo.

The mother of four children was murdered by the convict on January 26, 2012 at their residence after they had a misunderstanding. The husband was said to have thrown a burning stove on his wife which caused her death.

Delivering judgment on a one-count charge preferred against the convict who had earlier pleaded not guilty, the trial judge, Justice Adebajo stated that three issues to be determined by the court was whether Mrs Ugbogbo is dead; the cause of her death and whether her husband had a hand in her death.

The court held that the prosecution has been able to prove without doubt that Mrs Ugbogbo was dead, the cause of her death was also established, and that her husband was the cause of her death.

The court submitted that the testimony of the convict on what led to the death of the deceased was an after thought.

"The evidences given by the defence were weak, superficial and not enough to prove the innocence of Ugbogbo over the death of his wife.

"The action that led to death of the deceased was as a result of anger, it is unfortunate that the convict was not able to control his emotion.

"He was overwhelmed with anger which led to the action he took, by throwing a burning stove on his

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