

Court sentences man to death in Ekiti for murder, terrorism

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A High Court sitting in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, has sentenced a 35-year-old man identified as Abdulsalam Adinoyi to death by hanging.

In his judgment, Justice Lekan Ogunmoye said: "I hold that the prosecution had proved his case beyond reasonable doubt against the defendant, thus, implying his culpability in all the charges against him.

"The sole issue for determination is accordingly resolved in favour of the prosecution. The defendant is hereby found guilty as charged, he is accordingly sentenced to death by hanging in counts 1, 2 and 3, may almighty God have mercy on his soul. He is also sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in count 4 and ten years imprisonment in count 5 with N10,000.00 as option of fine, he concluded."

Adinoyi was charged and arraigned on five count charges bothering on armed robbery, murder, terrorism and unlawful possession of firearms, contrary to sections 1 (2) (a) and 3(1) of the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act Cap C16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, also Sections 316 of the Criminal Code Law, Cap C16, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012 and Sections 11 and 12 of the Ekiti State Kidnapping and Terrorism (Prohibition Law), 2015.

According to the charge, Abdulsalam Adinoyi who hails from Okene in Kogi State, between December 22, 2016 and March 20, 2017 while armed with gun, attacked and robbed Sergeant Gana Jiya and other Police Officers at Check Point in Oye Ekiti, murdered Sergeant Gana Jiya on the spot while other Police Officers on duty sustained serious degree of gun wounds and carted away two AK-47 Assault Rifle, launched terrorism attack on people of Ekiti State and his environs, confessed to be member of Boko Haram and unlawfully in possession of AK-47 Assault Rifle among others.

In his confessional statement, Adinoyi said, members of his group named Abu Uwais and Aminu a.k.a. Idi-Amin, now at large were planning for an operation, when police officers came to his house, it was searched and the AK-47 Assault Rifle was recovered among other items.