

Court sentences Gang-leader to death by hanging in Kogi

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A Kogi State High Court sitting in Lokoja has sentenced the leader of a six-man gang, Mohammed Audu to death by hanging for stabbing one Hussein Isa to death over land dispute.



Suicide

Chief Judge of the state, Justice Nasir Ajanah handed down the sentence yesterday in Lokoja upon conviction of the accused in a case of culpable homicide preferred against him.

“The sentence of the court upon you, Mohammed Sani Audu is that you be hanged by the neck until you are certified dead or by lethal injection”, Justice Ajanah said.

Earlier in his judgement, the Chief Judge said the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and therefore, convicted the accused accordingly.

Audu of Kaduna Junction in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi was charged with Culpable Homicide punishable with death contrary to Section 221(a) of the Penal Code Law.

The convict, according to the prosecution, had led a six-man gang to a land which was in dispute between the families of the deceased and one of his gang members, Momoh-Jimoh Abaniki.

The deceased was said to have challenged the presence of the accused and his gang on the land and objected to its demarcation for the purpose of selling it.

Hussein was said to have returned home to tell his brother, Ozovehe Isa and other family members what happened on the farm and thereafter, the accused was alleged to have come to the house to challenge the deceased to repeat what he said on the farm.