

Man, 24, to die by hanging for killing stepmother

A Plateau High Court sitting in Jos, yesterday, sentenced 24-year-old man, Binfā Lamde, to death by hanging for hacking his stepmother to death.

Justice A. I. Ashoms handed down the sentence as he found Banchir guilty of killing his stepmother, Mrs Kum Zwade.

Delivering judgment, Ashoms ruled that going by the findings of the court, Lamde mercilessly took the life of the deceased, Kum Zwade, in cold blood.

"This sentence is mandatory, as the law states that any person convicted of murder shall be punished with death by hanging," Ashoms said.

The convict committed the crime on April 10, 2014, when he used a machete to hack his stepmother to death.

Lamde, of Ngwak Village, Langtang North, in his confessional statement to the Police, admitted committing the crime, claiming the deceased was a witch.

His words: "I heard my stepsister, one Chakwai Zuwade, screaming. I ran to her room and she told me she was not feeling fine and needed me to take her to the hospital.

"We took her to the hospital with my brother, but after many tests, nothing was found.

"We later took her to a herbalist but her condition kept getting worse. My stepmother now confessed to us that she was the one that tied her own daughter through witchcraft.

"We asked her to untie her, but she refused."

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