

Man, 25, to die by hanging in Ekiti for murder

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ADO-EKITI—An Ado Ekiti High Court, yesterday, sentenced a 25-year-old man, identified as Mohamodu Haruna, to death by hanging.

In his judgement, Justice Adekunle Adeleye said "there are no surrounding circumstances that destroy the cogency of the circumstantial evidence led against the accused.

"He is caught in the web of the last seen theory. In the result, I find the defendant guilty as charged. He is sentenced to death by hanging.

The prosecutor, Shirley Atanel, said the offence was committed on February 12, 2018 at Odo-Uro, Iyin Ekiti, in Irepodun/Ifeledun Local Government Area of Ekiti State, when he murdered one Mohamadu Usman contrary to section 516 of the Criminal code law CAP C16, Laws of Ekiti state, 2012.

The prosecutor's witness told the court that he saw two herdsmen with their cows while he was on his motorcycle, he later discovered that one of them was returning a blood-stained machete into its sheath and the other one lay face down in the pool of his blood with machete cut on his neck.

To proof his case, the prosecutor called four witnesses, including the IPO, while exhibits tendered were the accused confessional statements, photographs of the deceased butchered neck and a blood-stained machete.

The accused spoke in his defence through his lawyer, Yinka Opaleke, and called no witnesses.

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