

Court sentences man to death by hanging in Minna for murder

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MINNA—NIGER State High Court has sentenced one Tunde Tayo to death by hanging for the murder of Abdullahi Janiya Yahaya in Maitumbi area of Minna, Niger State in 2019.

The convict, according to the judge, was arraigned on a two-count charge of robbery and culpable homicide under sections 298 and 221 of the penal code.

The High Court Judge, Justice Mohammed Mohammed, held that the circumstantial evidence against the accused by the prosecutor was strong, cogent and direct.

The convict, Tayo, and his friends still at large, were accused of cutting off the head of the deceased and immediately buried the body in a shallow grave inside an uncompleted building in the Maitumbi area of Minna on September 13, 2019.

The judge said the convict had admitted in his statement to the police that he owned the uncompleted building where the offence was committed.

The judge submitted: "Although he denied killing the deceased, the circumstantial evidence established that he was last seen with the deceased and that he committed the crime.

"On the charge of robbery on section 298 of the penal code, you are sentenced to life imprisonment. On the second count charge of culpable homicide under section 221 of the penal code law, you Tunde Tayo, is hereby convicted and sentenced to death by hanging until you die and may Almighty God have mercy on your soul."

Teenager remanded for allegedly stabbing cleric to death in Kano

In a related development, a Chief Magistrates' Court in Kano, yesterday, ordered that an 18-year-old man, Yusuf Haruna be remanded in a correctional centre for allegedly stabbing a cleric, Sani Mohammed, 45, to death.

The defendant, who lives in Tudun Nufawa Quarters Kano, is charged with culpable homicide.

The Prosecutor, Mrs Fatima Ado-Ahmad, told the court that Musa Yunusa of the same address, reported the matter at Jakara Police Division Kano on Dec. 31, 2023.

She alleged that at about 7. p.m. the defendant attacked and stabbed the 45-year-old Imam, with a sharp knife in his back to death.

"As a result, the victim sustained deep injury and was rushed to Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor."

Chief Magistrate Binta Ibrahim-Galadanchi, ordered that the defendant be remanded in a correctional centre and adjourned the matter until January 31 for further mention.