Kaduna: Two sentenced to death, one to life for rape

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Two persons have been sentenced to death by hanging, while another was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape in Kaduna.  
  
The convicts, identified as John Moses, Yakubu Mohammed, and Mustapha Musa, were sentenced on two counts by the State High Court.  
  
This was disclosed by the Commissioner, Ministry of Human Services and Social Development, Kaduna State, Hajiya Rabi Salisu, yesterday in Kaduna.  
  
She said that the ministry secured three rape convictions between June 2024 and February 2025.  
  
She described the convictions as a good development and hoped they would serve as a deterrent to others.  
  
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She said, “The ministry secured a conviction on the 7th day of June 2024 before Hon. Justice Nana in KDH/KAD/57c/2023; State Vs. John Moses, wherein the defendant was convicted on a two-count charge of rape and incest under Section 258(1) of the Penal Code Law 2017, as amended, and sentenced to death by hanging and surgical castration.  
  
“The ministry also secured a conviction on the 6th day of February 2025 before Hon. Justice B. Yusuf in KDH/KAD/69c/2023; State Vs. Yakubu Mohammed, wherein the defendant was convicted on a two-count charge of rape under Section 258(1) of the Penal Code Law 2017, as amended, and sentenced to death by hanging and surgical castration.  
  
“The ministry again secured another conviction on the 24th day of February 2025 before Hon. Justice Isa Aliyu in KDH/KAD/66c/2021; State Vs. Mustapha Musa, wherein the defendant was convicted on a two-count charge of rape under Section 258 of the Penal Code Law and sentenced to life imprisonment.”  
  
She said the cases were handled by M.P. Danjuma Esq. and Halimatu S. Bello Esq.