

# Nigerian singer sentenced to death for blasphemy in Kano state

A musician in Nigeria's northern state of Kano has been [Idris Ibrahim, told the BBC](#) that the judgement will serve as a warning to others "contemplating toeing Yahaya's path". "When I heard about the judgment I was so happy because it showed our protest wasn't in vain. This [judgement] will serve as a deterrent to others who feel they could insult our religion or prophet and go scot-free," he said.

Who is Yahaya Sharif-Aminu? Few people had heard of him before his arrest in March. An Islamic gospel musician, he is not well-known in northern Nigeria and his songs were not popular outside his Tjjaniya sect, who have many such musicians within their ranks.