

Dubai Appeal Court upholds man's death sentence

A 52-year-old Egyptian man who was found guilty of killing and robbing his compatriot in Al Baraha

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Dubai: The Dubai Appeal Court yesterday upheld the death sentence meted out by a lower court on a 52-year-old Egyptian man who was found guilty of killing and robbing his compatriot in Al Baraha.

"The panel of judges has unanimously agreed to uphold the capital punishment against A.M.," said Chief Judge Mustafa Al Shennawi who presided over the panel composed of three judges.

The verdict is subject to appeal before the Cassation Court within 30 days.

Associated with a theft

A lower court earlier convicted A.M. of premeditated murder of H.M. The murder was associated with a theft.

A.M. pleaded not guilty and claimed that the victim was still alive when he left his flat.

Prosecutors had accused A.M. of hitting H.M.'s head with a sharp tool in his flat in Al Baraha. The defendant was also charged with stealing the victim's cash, credit cards, personal belongings and car.

Prosecution records said the accused drove H.M.'s car, invited his girlfriend to the movies and bought her jewellery worth Dh7,000.

Severe injuries

Forensic doctors confirmed that the victim succumbed to severe head injuries.

A police lieutenant testified that 18 gold bracelets and a mobile phone were found in A.M.'s apartment.

The brother of the victim, who came to the country after failing to reach his brother over the phone, claimed that the motive of the murder was to steal more than Dh11,000 from H.M., according to the brother's statement before prosecutors.

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