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## Appendix: Identified trials under Islamic criminal law

In this overview, the states in which the trials took place are abbreviated as follows: *Bau.* Bauchi; *Jig.* Jigawa; *Kad.* Kaduna; *Kan.* Kano; *Kat.* Katsina; *Keb.* Kebbi; *Nig.* Niger; *Sok.* Sokoto; *Zam.* Zamfara. Articles for which no page numbers are specified were accessed through the Internet. Names are spelt as mentioned in the articles or in the way most frequently encountered. Unless specified otherwise, flogging sentences can be assumed to have been carried out immediately after the trial.

### Rape

1. Abubakar Aliyu (*Sok.*), sentenced in July 2001 to 100 strokes of the cane and one year's imprisonment after being caught having sexual intercourse with a mentally deranged woman.
  - "Man Sentenced for Committing Adultery with Lunatic," *This Day*, 14/07/2001.
2. Ado Baranda or Sarimu Muhammad (*Jig.*), sentenced in May 2002 to death by stoning for raping a four-year-old girl, acquitted in August 2003 on grounds of insanity.
  - "Sharia: Man to Die for Raping 9-year Girl," *This Day*, 10/05/2002.
  - "Sharia: Male convict to die by stoning," *Daily Champion*, 27/08/2002, 1-2.
  - "All Set for Sarimu's Public Stoning in Jigawa," *This Day*, 02/09/2002.
  - "Sharia: Stoning Verdict on Alleged Rapist Quashed," *This Day*, 20/08/2003, 4.
3. Dalha Danbako, Ibrahim White, Nura Garba, Sha'aibu Muhammed and Sule Jubril (*Jig.*), sentenced in September 2002 to five months in prison and fine for sexually assaulting an eleven-year-old girl.
  - "For rape, sharia court passes death, fines others," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 03/09/2002, 7.
4. Aminu Ruwa (*Nig.*), sentenced in November 2002 to 100 lashes and paying the medical bill of the victim for raping a six-year-old girl.
  - "Man gets 100 strokes for indecency," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/11/2002, 16; also published in *The Comet*, 20/11/2002, 6.
5. Ibrahim Ayuba and Mohammed Ibrahim (*Kat.*), apparently indicted summarily in January 2003 for raping a 4 and 3.5-year-old girl, respectively.
  - "Two Charged with Raping Minors," *This Day*, 27/01/2003.
6. Hamisu Suleiman (*Kan.*), sentenced in August 2003 to eighteen months in prison and a 15,000 Naira fine for rape.
  - "Rape suspect bags 18 months jail term," *Daily Trust*, 21/08/2003, 23.

7. Tukur Aliyu (*Zam.*), sentenced in October 2003 to 40 strokes of the cane and fine for raping a four-year-old girl who was his pupil.
  - "Man, 45, gets 40 lashes for raping four-year-old girl," *Daily Independent*, 20/10/2003.
8. Adamu Jugga (*Bau.*), charged with rape in October 2003.
  - "Alleged rape victim, 35, offers to swear by Qur'an," *Weekly Trust*, 04-10/10/2003, 17.
9. Selah Dabo (*Bau.*), sentenced in September 2004 to death by stoning for rape.
  - "Sharia: Legal Aid Council to appeal against 30 convictions," *Vanguard*, 17/11/2004.
  - Amnesty International Annual Report 2005.
10. Ade Debo (*Bau.*), sentenced in May 2007 to death by stoning for raping two teenage girls. His accomplice Shagari Abubakar received six months in prison.
  - "Sharia stoning for Nigerian man," *BBC News*, 17/05/2007.
  - "Sharia court sentences man to death by stoning," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 18/05/2007.

## Sodomy

1. Attahiru Umar (*Keb.*), sentenced in September 2001 to death by stoning for sexual abuse of a seven-year-old boy.
  - "Sharia Court Sentences Man to Death by Stoning," *This Day*, 14/09/2001.
  - "Nigerian sentenced to stoning," *BBC News*, 14/09/2001.
  - "Obasanjo visits Zamfara, cautions on Sharia," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 14/09/2001, print edition.
2. Abdullahi Barkeji (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2002 to 100 strokes of the cane and one year's imprisonment for sodomy.
  - "Man Gets 100 Strokes, One-Year Jail for Sodomy," *This Day*, 28/02/2002, 5.
3. Jibrin Babaji (*Bau.*), sentenced in September 2003 to death by stoning for intercourse with three boys aged 10 and 13, acquitted in March 2004 on grounds of insanity.
  - "Sodomy: Sharia court sentences man to death by stoning," *Daily Trust*, 25/09/2003.
  - "Sodomy: Convict appeals against death sentence," *Daily Trust*, 24/10/2003.
  - "Sodomy: Convict alleges unfair trial," *Daily Trust*, 18/12/2003.
  - "Lawyer seeks retrial of sodomy case," *Daily Trust*, 02/01/2004.
  - "Sodomy: Judge to pay N3000 for wrongful conviction," *Daily Trust*, 23/03/2004, 5.
  - "Wrongful conviction: Lower Sharia court judge ordered to apologise," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 24/03/2004, 21.
  - "Sodomy: Sharia appeal court rules against conviction of Babaji," *Vanguard*, 25/03/2004, 11.

## ***Incest***

1. Umaru Tori (*Bau.*), sentenced in December 2003 to death by stoning for incest with his step-daughter, acquitted on appeal in May 2005. Fifteen-year-old Altine Tori was sentenced to 100 strokes of the cane to be administered after the delivery of her baby. She appealed the verdict.
  - "Incest: Sharia Court sentences man to death by stoning," *Daily Trust*, 06/01/2004, 1-2.
  - "Sharia: Man to die by stoning for impregnating step-daughter in Bauchi," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 06/01/2004.
  - "Nigerian man faces stoning death," BBC News, 06/01/2004.
  - "NIGERIA: Man sentenced to stoning for sex with step-daughter," IRIN, 06/01/2004.
  - "MAN, 45, SENTENCED TO DEATH BY STONING," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 07/01/2004, 28.
  - "Sharia Court rules on convicted teenager Dec. 7," *Daily Independent*, 19/11/2004.
  - "Shariah Court Entertains 11-Month-Old Appeal," *Weekly Trust*, 30/11/2004.
  - Amnesty International Annual Report 2006.
2. Umar Isa Zurena (*Jig.*), charged in November 2003 with incest for allegedly impregnating his niece.
  - "Man, 20, in court for impregnating niece," *Weekly Trust*, 22/11/2003.

## ***Consensual unlawful sexual intercourse (zinā)***

1. Zuweira Aliyu and Sani Mamman (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2000 to 100 lashes, in addition to one year's imprisonment for Mamman, for premarital relations.
  - "Nigerian flogged for having sex," BBC News, 17/02/2000.
  - "Sharia: Fornicator gets 100 lashes," *The Comet*, 18/02/2000, print edition.
2. Bariya Ibrahim Maguza (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to 180 strokes of the cane—later reduced to 100—after being found pregnant out of wedlock, publicly flogged in January 2001.
  - "Sharia sentence for pregnant teenager," BBC News, 14/09/2000.
  - "Nigerian girl gives birth and faces 180 lashes," AFP, 29/12/2000.
  - "180 lashes for Nigerian teen mum to go ahead: governor," AFP, 03/01/2001.
  - "NIGERIA: Caning for premarital sex to go on," IRIN, 05/01/2001.
  - "NIGERIA: Flogging sentence reduced, deferred," IRIN, 11/01/2001.
  - "Nigerian girl's lashing sentence cut," BBC News, 13/01/2001.
  - "Islamic court postpones flogging of child-mother, cuts sentence," AFP, 13/01/2001.
  - "Nigerian child-mother accepts 'guilt', as sentence eased," AFP, 14/01/2001.
  - "Nigerian single mother flogged," BBC News, 22/01/2001.
  - "NIGERIA: Teenage girl lashed for premarital sex," IRIN, 22/01/2001.
  - "In Nigeria, teenage mother receives 100 lashes," AFP, 22/01/2001.
  - "Sharia: Single Mum Flogged in Zamfara," *This Day*, 23/01/2001.

- "Sharia: Teenage mother gets 100 lashes in Zamfara," *The Comet*, 24/01/2001, 1 and 7.
  - BAOBAB (2003: 10).
3. Attine Tanko and Lawal Sada (*Kat.*), sentenced in November 2000 to 100 lashes, in addition to one year's imprisonment for Sada, for premarital relations.
    - "Second teen mum in Nigeria awaits flogging for pre-marital sex," AFP, 11/01/2001.
    - "Another girl faces flogging for sex," IRIN, 12/01/2001.
  4. Hajo Poki (*Bau.*), sentenced in 2001 to 100 strokes of the cane, flogged while still pregnant.
    - "Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.
    - "Niger sharia court sentences two to death by stoning," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 29/08/2002, 1-2.
  5. Aisha Musa (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2001 to 100 strokes of cane and one year's imprisonment on the basis of pregnancy out of wedlock, released on bail.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 12).
  6. Hawa'u Garba and Hussaini Mamman (*Sok.*), charged in June 2001 after Hawa'u gave birth to a child out of wedlock in May 2001.
    - "Nigerian couple arraigned in Islamic court on adultery charge," AFP, 18/06/2001.
  7. Amina Abdullahi (*Zam.*), sentenced in August 2001 to 100 lashes for premarital sex.
    - "Nigerian woman sentenced to 100 lashes," BBC News, 13/08/2001.
  8. Safiyya Yakubu Hussaini (*Sok.*), sentenced in October 2001 to death by stoning, acquitted on appeal in March 2002. Selected sources:
    - "Nigerian appeals Sharia sentence," BBC News, 19/10/2001.
    - "My judgement is fair—Sharia judge," *Weekly Trust*, 02/11/2001.
    - "Sokoto adulteress appeals against death sentence," *Daily Trust*, 05/11/2001.
    - "The travails of convict Safiyatu," *The Comet*, 24/11/2001, 8-9.
    - "Sokoto Sharia court of appeal suspends stoning [sic] sentence," *Sunday Triumph*, 25/11/2001.
    - "Safiya Gets Reprieve at Appeal Court," *This Day*, 30/11/2001, print edition.
    - "Living on Nigeria's death row," BBC News, 05/12/2001.
    - "Give me justice, says Nigerian woman facing death by stoning," AFP, 13/01/2002.
    - "NIGERIA: Lawyers team up against the death penalty," IRIN, 15/01/2002.
    - "Shari'a court resumes hearing on Safiya's appeal," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 20/01/2002, print version.
    - "NIGERIA: Islamic court frees woman from death by stoning," IRIN, 25/03/2002.
    - "Sharia court frees Nigerian woman," BBC News, 25/03/2002.
    - "Court saves Safiyat from death by stoning," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 26/03/2002, 1 and 2.

- "Sharia Appeal Court Frees Safiya," *This Day*, 26/03/2002.
  - Peters (2006); Ostien (2007: 5:17-51); Yawuri (2004, 2007).
9. Hafsatu Abubakar (*Sok.*), indicted in January 2002 for extramarital relations on the grounds of childbirth out of wedlock, acquitted in January 2002. Selected sources:
- "Another Woman Faces Trial for Adultery in Sokoto," *This Day*, 07/01/2002.
  - "Second woman could face stoning in Nigeria," AFP, 07/01/2002.
  - "Mother of 2-week Baby on Capital Offence Charge," *This Day*, 11/01/2002.
  - "Nigerian Islamic court frees woman on sex-related charges," AFP, 23/01/2002.
  - "NIGERIA: Sharia court frees woman charged with adultery," IRIN, 24/01/2002.
  - "Sharia Court Acquits Hafsatu of Adultery," *This Day*, 24/01/2002.
  - "Sharia court acquits Hafsatu of adultery," *The Comet*, 24/01/2002, 1 and 2.
10. Amina Lawal (*Kat.*), sentenced in March 2002 to death by stoning, acquitted on appeal in September 2003. Selected sources:
- "Nigerian woman who faced stoning to death is acquitted," AFP, 25/03/2002.
  - "Sharia court frees Nigerian woman," BBC News, 25/03/2002.
  - "... As another woman gets stoning sentence in Katsina," *The Triumph*, 26/03/2002.
  - "I was not given fair hearing—Katsina adulteress," *Daily Trust*, 27/03/2002, 1-2.
  - "Nigeria's stoning appeal fails," BBC News, 19/08/2002.
  - "NIGERIA: Islamic court upholds death-by-stoning sentence," IRIN, 19/08/2002.
  - "Sharia: Woman to Die by Stoning," *This Day*, 20/08/2002, 1 and 6.
  - "Katsina Sharia Court affirms death by stoning on nursing mother," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/08/2002, 1-2.
  - "Amina Lawal: Sharia court begins hearing of appeal," *Daily Trust*, 29/08/2003.
  - "Sharia court quashes sentence, frees Amina Lawal," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 26/09/2003.
  - "Sharia Court frees Amina Lawal," *Daily Trust*, 26/09/2003.
  - "Adultery: Sharia Appeal Court frees Amina," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 26/09/2003, 1-2.
  - "Amina Lawal: Court Quashes Death Sentence," *This Day*, 26/09/2003.
  - "Appeal Court quashes death verdict on Amina Lawal," *Vanguard*, 26/09/2003.
  - Yawuri (2004, 2007); Ostien (2007: 5:52-107).
11. Adama Yunusa (*Bau.*), sentenced in 2002 to 100 strokes of the cane and banishment. Banishment lifted on appeal in May 2002.
- "Sharia: Woman Gets 100 Strokes over Pregnancy," *This Day*, 06/05/2002.
12. Yunusa Chiyawa (*Bau.*), sentenced in June 2002 to death by stoning, acquitted on appeal in November 2003.
- "Nigerian man faces death for adultery," BBC News, 27/06/2002.
  - "NIGERIA: Sharia court sentences man to death for adultery," IRIN, 01/07/2002.
  - HRW (2004: 32).
13. Fatima Usman and Ahmadu Ibrahim (*Nig.*), sentenced in August 2002 to death by stoning. Appeal filed; released on bail. Selected sources:
- "Sharia: In Minna, Man, Lover to Die by Stoning," *This Day*, 29/08/2002.
  - "Niger sharia court sentences two to death by stoning," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 29/08/2002, 1-2.

- "Nigeria's stoning couple freed," BBC News, 22/10/2002.
  - "Two appeal against stoning to death in Minna," *Daily Trust*, 06/06/2003.
  - HRW (2004: 25); Ibrahim and Lyman (2004: 20); Ostien and Dekker (2010: 604).
14. Maryam Abubakar Bodinga (*Sok.*), indicted in September 2002 for extramarital relations, acquitted in October 2002.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 13).
  15. Zuwayra Shinkafi (*Zam.*), sentenced in March 2003 to thirty lashes, and Sani Yahaya, sentenced to eighty lashes and ten months' imprisonment for premarital relations (possibly identical with the case of March 2000).
    - HRW (2004: 62).
  16. Hafsatu Idris and Ahmadu Haruna (*Kan.*), charged in March 2004 with consensual illicit relations. Idris alleged rape.
    - "Rape victim's father accuses police of changing FIR," *Daily Trust*, 24/03/2004, 29.
  17. Daso Adamu (*Bau.*), sentenced in September 2004 to death by stoning, acquitted on appeal in December 2004.
    - "Sharia court grants convict bail," *Daily Trust*, 25/10/2004.
    - "Sharia Court Nullifies Death Penalty On Woman," *Vanguard*, 11/12/2004.
  18. Hajara Ibrahim (*Bau.*), sentenced in October 2004 to death by stoning, acquitted on appeal in November 2004. Selected sources:
    - "Sharia court sentences woman to death by stoning," *Daily Trust*, 13/10/2004.
    - "Sharia : Woman to Die for Adultery," *This Day*, 13/10/2004.
    - "Sharia court sentences another woman to death over pregnancy," *Vanguard*, 13/10/2004.
    - "Sharia: Another woman faces death by stoning in Bauchi," *Daily Independent*, 13/10/2004.
    - "Hajara Ibrahim's family appeals against death sentence," *Vanguard*, 20/10/2004.
    - "Upper Sharia Court to rule in Hajara's appeal November 10," *Vanguard*, 28/10/2004.
    - "Nigeria court overturns stoning," BBC News, 10/11/2004.
    - "Islamic court overturns stoning sentence," *Independent Online* (South Africa), 10/11/2004.

### ***Unfounded accusation of zinā (qadhf)***

1. An unidentified member of the State House of Assembly (*Zam.*), convicted in June 2000 of accusing his wife of adultery and sentenced to 80 lashes.
  - "Sharia flogging after adultery charge," BBC News, 04/07/2000.
2. Aishat and Haruna Dutsi (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to 80 lashes for accusing a village leader of having sexual relations with their daughter.
  - Amnesty International Annual Report 2000.

3. Gado Maradun (*Zam.*), sentenced in 2000 to 80 lashes for defaming a woman as a prostitute.
  - "Zamfara amputation: Raising the stakes of *Sharia* implementation," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 29/03/2000, 8.
4. Ibrahim Na-Wurno (*Zam.*), sentenced in April 2001 to 80 lashes after he was unable to prove his allegation that his neighbour had committed sodomy.
  - "*Sharia*: Man earns 80 strokes of cane for false accusation," *Vanguard*, 19/04/2001, 10.
5. Hafsi Bakura, chairperson of the ANPP governing party in *Zam.* State, reported to court in January 2004 for having accused the ANPP chairperson in Gusau Local Government Area of extramarital relations. Unclear whether the tribunal admitted the complaint for trial.
  - "ANPP chieftains in *Sharia* court for alleged adultery," *Daily Independent*, 05/01/2004.
6. Halima Abdulkarim (*Kad.*), accused in May 2002 by her husband of committing *qadhif*.
  - "Woman Docked for Accusing Husband of Having an Affair with his Mother," *This Day*, 24/05/2002.

### ***Homicide and bodily harm***

1. Dantanim Tsafe (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2000 to paying "fine" or retaliation for knocking out his wife's front teeth. *Diya*: 157,933.70 Naira, later reduced to 50,000 Naira.
  - "*Sharia*: Farmer fined N158,000 for beating wife," *The Comet*, 15/02/2000, print edition.
  - "Zamfara amputation: Raising the stakes of *Sharia* implementation," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 29/02/2000, 8.
2. Ahmadu Tijjani (*Kat.*), sentenced in May 2001 to retaliation or paying *diya* for blinding the plaintiff on the right side. *Diya*: 50 camels or 1.5 million Naira.
  - "In Katsina, it's an eye for an eye," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 26/05/2001, 1-2.
  - "Plaintiff asks Nigerian Islamic court to pluck out a man's eye," AFP, 26/05/2001.
  - "Nigerian court orders 'eye-for-an-eye' ... literally," AFP, 06/06/2001.
3. Ado Bako (*Kan.*), sentenced in September 2001 to paying *diya* or six years' imprisonment for causing permanent damage to one of the plaintiff's eyes. *Diya*: 2,070,000 Naira. In April 2008, the Kano State government paid a compensation of 500,000 Naira to the plaintiff.
  - "Kano Govt Compensates Man for Losing Eye," *Leadership*, 11/04/2008.

4. Sani Yakubu Rodi (*Kat.*), sentenced in November 2001 to death by retaliation for stabbing to death a woman and her two children, hanged on 3 January 2002. Selected sources:
  - “Sharia court sentences man to death by knifing,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 15/11/2001, print edition.
  - “Family will not appeal death sentence against Nigerian man,” AFP, 22/11/2001.
  - “Sharia: Man to Be Hanged for Murder,” *This Day*, 27/12/2001.
  - “Sharia: Katsina executes murder convict,” *Vanguard*, 04/01/2002.
  - “Man Hanged for Murder,” *This Day*, 04/01/2002.
  - “Katsina Executes First Shari’a Court Murder Convict,” *This Day*, 04/01/2002.
  - “First Nigerian executed under Sharia laws,” BBC News, 04/01/2002.
  - “Controversy over Sani Rodi’s hanging,” *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 16/01/2002, 14.
  - HRW (2004: 32).
5. Adamu Musa Hussaini Maidoya (*Bau.*), sentenced in January 2003 to amputation of the right leg for severing his wife’s. Sentence upheld on appeal in August 2006. Selected sources:
  - “The Justice She Wants,” *NewsWatch*, 18/11/2002, 48-9.
  - “Man loses limb for amputating wife’s leg,” *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 06/01/2003, 30.
  - “Sharia Court of Appeal affirms first amputation in Bauchi,” *Daily Trust*, 21/08/2006.
6. Sabo Sarki (*Bau.*), sentenced in March 2004 to paying *diya* for forcefully removing the plaintiff’s eyes. Two accomplices were not convicted. *Diya*: 1000 dinar, 12000 dirham, 180 camels, 2000 cows, 2000 goats or sheep or 5.5 million Naira.
  - “Shariah court convicts man over ritual,” *Daily Trust*, 30/03/2004, 5.
  - “Boy turns down N6m compensation for eyes,” *Daily Trust*, 13/05/2004.
7. Luba Mainasara (*Zam.*), sentenced in April 2004 to 20 strokes of the cane and a 3,000 Naira fine for beating a fellow wife with a pestle, in addition to paying 50,000 Naira compensation to the fellow wife.
  - “Sharia Court Orders Housewife to Pay Mate N50,000,” *Daily Trust*, 03/04/2002, print edition.
8. Isa Bello, Jamilu Nasiru and Yawale Muhammadu (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2007 to paying *diya* for forcefully removing the plaintiff’s eyes. *Diya*: 11,160,000 Naira.
  - “Group Seeks Justice for Boy, 7,” *This Day*, 16/05/2008.

## **Theft (sariqa)**

1. Buba Bello Jangebe (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2000 to amputation of the right hand for stealing a cow. Amputation carried out on 22 March 2000. Selected sources:
  - “Nigerian Sharia court orders amputation,” BBC News, 23/03/2000.
  - “Zamfara amputates man over theft,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 24/03/2000, 1-2.

- "Zamfara amputes bicycle thief," *Punch*, 05/05/2001, 1-3.
  - "Eyewitness: Nigeria's Sharia amputees," BBC News, 19/12/2002.
  - HRW (2004: 37-9).
2. Nasiru Abba (*Kat.*), arraigned in August 2000 for stealing a radio worth 1,000 Naira.
    - "Man risks amputation in Katsina over alleged theft," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 02/08/2000, print edition.
  3. Kabiru Salisu (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to six months' imprisonment and 50 strokes of the cane for stealing a shirt worth 400 Naira.
    - "Two men flogged publicly in Nigeria for drinking, stealing," AFP, 25/09/2000.
  4. Musa Gummi (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to amputation of "a limb" for stealing three bicycles.
    - "Nigerian man to lose leg for bicycle theft," AFP, 23/09/2000.
  5. Lawali Isah (*Zam.*), nicknamed "Inchi Tara" (nine inches), sentenced in December 2000 to amputation of the hand for stealing three bicycles worth 9,500 Naira. Amputation carried out on 3 May 2001. Selected sources:
    - "Nigerian Islamic state amputates man's hand for stealing," AFP, 05/05/2001.
    - "Sharia: Man Loses Hand for Stealing Three Bicycles," *This Day*, 05/05/2001.
    - "Zamfara cuts another hand," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 05/05/2001, 2.
    - "Zamfara amputes bicycle thief," *Punch*, 05/05/2001, 1-3.
    - "Eyewitness: Nigeria's Sharia amputees," BBC News, 19/12/2002.
    - HRW (2004: 37-9).
  6. Adamu (*Kan.*), arraigned in 2000 or 2001 for stealing a cow.
    - "Sharia: Cow Thief to Get Judgement in Katsina," *This Day*, 08/01/2001.
  7. Suleman Abdullahi and Isiyaku Sanni (*Kat.*), sentenced in January 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing nine donkeys.
    - "NIGERIA: Two men face amputation for stealing," IRIN, 13/02/2001.
  8. Dadin Duniya (*Zam.*), sentenced in April 2001 to amputation of the hand.
    - HRW (2004: 40).
  9. Lawali Bello and Sani Mohammed (*Sok.*), sentenced in April 2001 to forty strokes of the cane and three months' imprisonment for stealing two goats and their kids worth 2,600 Naira.
    - "Two Kids Share 40 Lashes for Goat Theft," *This Day*, 25/04/2001.
  10. Umaru Aliyu (*Sok.*), sentenced in April 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing a sheep worth 3,000 Naira. Amputation carried out on 5 July 2001. Selected sources:
    - "Sharia: Man to Lose Hand for Stealing Sheep," *This Day*, 14/04/2001, 3.
    - "Sharia: Sokoto to Amputate Convict's Wrist," *This Day*, 06/07/2001, 5.
    - "Hand amputation in Nigeria," BBC News, 07/07/2001.

- "Nigerian state amputates man's hand for theft," AFP, 07/07/2001.
  - "Amputee Gets N50,000 Govt Gift," *This Day*, 31/07/2001.
  - "Nigerian state compensates Sharia criminal," BBC News, 01/08/2001.
  - Peters (2003: 22).
11. Altine Mohammed (*Keb.*), sentenced in July 2001 to amputation of the hand.
    - HRW (2004: 20 and 46).
  12. Lawali Garba (*Sok.*), sentenced in July 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing car spare parts worth 17,000 Naira.
    - "Sharia Claims Another Victim in Sokoto," *This Day*, 13/07/2001.
    - "Nigerian state sentences spare parts thief to lose hand," AFP, 13/07/2001.
  13. Danladi Dahiru (*Kan.*), sentenced in August 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing several sewing machines worth up to 23,000 Naira.
    - "Two to be Amputated in Kano," *This Day*, 11/04/2002, print edition.
    - HRW (2004: 49 and 54).
  14. Abubakar Aliyu (*Keb.*), sentenced in September 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing 32,000 Naira cash. Sentence converted on appeal into flogging and one year in a children's remand home. Accomplices Kabiru Tukur and Umaru Shehu were sentenced to 50 lashes and 18 months in prison.
    - "Sharia court orders amputation of 15-year-old boy," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 15/07/2001, last page.
    - "NIGERIA: Sharia Court orders amputation of 15-year-old," IRIN, 25/07/2001.
    - HRW (2004: 57).
  15. Abubakar Mohammed (*Keb.*), sentenced in September 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing a television and a video recorder.
    - HRW (2004: 48).
  16. Musa Shu'aibu (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing a ram worth 7,000 Naira.
    - "Sharia: Man's Wrist for Amputation over Ram Theft," *This Day*, 19/09/2001, print edition.
  17. Aminu Bello (*Sok.*), sentenced in December 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing property worth 65,000 Naira from a Christian woman. Appeal filed. His accomplice, Salisu Abdullahi, received 50 strokes of the cane and 3 years in prison.
    - "Another thief sentenced to hand amputation in Nigeria," AFP, 27/12/2001.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 17-8).
  18. Mohammed Ali (*Sok.*), sentenced in December 2001 to 30 lashes and nine months' imprisonment for stealing kitchen goods worth "less than \$8, or the price of a goat."
    - "Nigerian 'Christian' in Sharia court," BBC News, 11/12/2001.
    - "Hands-on sentence in Nigeria," BBC News, 13/12/2001.

- "Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.
19. Yahaya Kakale (*Keb.*), sentenced in December 2001 to amputation of the hand for stealing a video player, a television, a radio and CD player. Sentence confirmed on appeal. Second appeal filed at Federal Court of Justice.
    - HRW (2004: 42-44).
    - "Languishing in a Sharia jail," BBC News, 21/09/2004 (largely quoting the above).
  20. Bawa Magaji and Altine Hassan (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand for shop breaking. Appeal filed.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 18-9).
  21. Bello Garba (*Sok.*), sentenced in January 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing a donkey worth 2,500 Naira. Appeal filed.
    - "Sharia: Man to lose hand for stealing donkey," *The Comet*, 24/01/2002, print edition.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 20).
  22. Haruna Musa, Aminu Ahmed, and Ali Liman (*Kan.*), sentenced in January and February 2002 to amputation of the hand. Released on bail in May and June 2003.
    - HRW (2004: 40).
  23. Lawal Garba and Bashir Alkali (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand. Acquitted on appeal in March 2002.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 17).
  24. Malam Aliyu (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 20).
  25. Mohammed Bala and Abubakar Mohammed (*Kan.*), sentenced in January 2002 to amputation of the hand. Mohammed Bala's case ordered to be retried on appeal in December 2002. Bala released on bail in October 2003.
    - HRW (2004: 55-6).
  26. Mohammed Sulaiman (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing a used air conditioner. Appeal filed.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 18).
  27. Sirajo Idris (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing a television and a bag.
    - BAOBAB (2003: 19).
  28. Two men (*Kat.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing a bull. Appeal filed.
    - HRW (2004: 56).

29. Umaru Guda (*Sok.*), sentenced in 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing personal effects. Appeal filed.
  - BAOBAB (2003: 19).
30. Abubakar Abdullahi (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing nine bundles of textile and children's wear worth 30,500 Naira. His accomplice, Mustapha Ibrahim, was sentenced to six months in prison and thirty lashes.
  - "Sharia Court Orders Another Amputation," *This Day*, 19/02/2002.
  - HRW (2004: 48-9 and 56).
31. Usman Shehu and Umar Musa (*Ji.*), arraigned in March 2002 for stealing two goats worth 6,000 Naira.
  - "Sharia court adjourns for suspects to reconsider confession," *Daily Trust*, 27/03/2002, print edition.
32. Haruna Bayero of Gombe State (*Kan.*), sentenced in April 2002 to amputation of the hand for breaking into a shop and stealing property worth 17,500 Naira. Retrial ordered by appellate court in April 2004.
  - "Two to be Amputated in Kano," *This Day*, 11/04/2002, print edition.
  - HRW (2004: 53 and 56).
33. Abdul Jolly Hassan (*Bau.*), sentenced in June 2002 to one year's imprisonment and 40 strokes of the cane for stealing 18 sheep worth 50,000 Naira.
  - "Man Escapes Amputation over Theft of 18 Sheep," *This Day*, 24/06/2002.
34. Mustapha Abubakar (*Sok.*), arraigned in August 2002 for attempted theft.
  - "Man found in Security Van Charged to Court," *This Day*, 06/08/2002.
35. Musa Shuaibu (*Zam.*), sentenced in August 2002 to amputation of the hand. Acquitted on appeal in September 2002.
  - "Safiyat becomes honorary citizen of Rome," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 06/09/2002, 56.
36. Abubakar Hamid (*Keb.*), sentenced in October 2002 to amputation of the hand for stealing motorbikes.
  - HRW (2004: 45-6).
37. Bello Mohammed and Mohammed Mansir (*Keb.*), sentenced in November 2002 to amputation of the hand.
  - HRW (2004: 41-2).
38. Abubakar Yusuf (*Zam.*), sentenced in April 2003 to amputation of the hand for stealing a video camera, a photo camera and a generator. Appeal filed.
  - HRW (2004: 51).

39. Sirajo Mohammed (*Zam.*), sentenced in April 2003 to amputation of the hand for stealing a sheep. Appeal filed.
  - HRW (2004: 47-8).
40. Abubakar Lawali and Lawali Na Umma (*Zam.*), sentenced in May 2003 to amputation of the hand for stealing provisions and money from a shop.
  - HRW (2004: 46-7).
41. Allassan Ibrahim and Hamza Abdullahi (*Kan.*), sentenced in June 2003 to amputation of the hand for stealing 20 cups of millet, dresses and a box of a total value of 6,000 Naira. Appeal filed.
  - "Kano Sharia court orders amputation of two men for theft," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 24/06/2003, 3.
  - HRW (2004: 52).
42. Mustapha Hamza, Aminu Shehu, Bashir Ahmed, Aminu Haruna, Rabi'u Turuku and Ahmadu Usman, known as the "Zaria 6" (*Kad.*), sentenced in August and September 2003 to amputation of the hand. Sentences set aside on appeal in May 2005. Selected sources:
  - "Sharia: 6 Await Amputation," *This Day*, 12/08/2004.
  - "Sharia appeal court to review conviction of six men," *Vanguard*, 17/08/2004.
  - "Sharia court grants bail to six convicts," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 18/05/2005, 7.
43. Abubakar Sani and Masaudu Ibrahim (*Kat.*), sentenced in October 2003 to amputation of the hand for stealing food items and textile worth 45,000 Naira.
  - "Court orders amputation of limbs in Katsina," *Daily Independent*, 22/10/2003.
44. Ibrahim Sulaiman (*Zam.*), sentenced in December 2003 to amputation of the hand for breaking into a shop and stealing property worth thousands of Naira.
  - "Sharia court orders amputation," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 28/01/2003, 30.

### **Armed robbery (ḥirāba)**

1. Garba Dandare and Sani Shehu (*Sok.*), sentenced in December 2001 to have their right hand and left foot amputated for armed robbery and stealing goods and cash.
  - "2 robbers face amputation in Sokoto," *Daily Trust*, 20/12/2001, 1.
  - "Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.

### **Intoxication (shurb al-khamr)**

1. Dahiru Sule (*Zam.*), sentenced in February 2000 to 80 lashes for drinking alcohol. Selected sources:
  - "Nigerian man flogged for drinking," BBC News, 11/02/2000.
  - "Sharia: Alcoholic gets 80 lashes," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 12/02/2000, 1-2.

2. Nasiru Mohammed (*Kan.*), sentenced in July 2000 to flogging and imprisonment for “drunkenness and intentional insult of an innocent citizen under the influence of alcohol.”
  - “Kano man to get 80 strokes for drinking alcohol,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 05/07/2000, print edition.
3. Sule Sale (*Kat.*), sentenced in August 2000 to 86 lashes for drinking alcohol and stealing cigarettes.
  - Amnesty International Annual Report 2001.
4. Hassan Umoru (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to 80 lashes for drinking alcohol and one year’s imprisonment for insulting an elderly man.
  - Amnesty International (2000: 7).
5. Lawali Jekada (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to 80 strokes of the cane for publicly consuming alcohol.
  - “Two men flogged publicly in Nigeria for drinking, stealing,” AFP, 25/09/2000.
  - Amnesty International (2000: 7).
6. *Sharī’a* court judge Muhammadu Na’ila (*Zam.*), sentenced in January 2001 to 80 strokes of the cane.
  - “In Nigeria, boozing Islamic court judge flogged for drinking,” AFP, 20/01/2002.
  - “Sharia judge gets 80 lashes for taking alcohol,” *The Punch*, 21/01/2002, print edition.
  - “Sharia judge flogged for boozing,” BBC News, 21/01/2002.
7. Nuhu Abdullahi and Sa’adu Aminu (*Kan.*), sentenced in January 2001 to 80 strokes of the cane “on their bare backs.”
  - “Crowd crams Nigerian court to watch boozers being flogged,” AFP, 03/01/2001.
  - “Two Sharia Convicts Get 80 Lashes in Kano,” *This Day*, 04/01/2001.
8. Umaru Bube (*Kat.*), sentenced in March 2001 to 80 lashes for drinking alcohol.
  - “Muslim flogged for drinking alcohol tells court he will not stop,” AFP, 09/03/2001.
  - “Drama as *Sharia* convict dares judge with *Whisky* sachet,” *Vanguard*, 09/03/2001, 1.
9. Umar Mohammed (*Sok.*), sentenced in April 2001 to 80 strokes of the cane for drinking beer.
  - “Two Kids Share 40 Lashes for Goat Theft,” *This Day*, 25/04/2001.
10. Kabiru Yusuf, Salisu Danjuma and Rabiuh Mohammed (*Kat.*), sentenced in May 2001 to 80 lashes each for drinking alcohol (based on a Funtua bye-law). Three other men were discharged and acquitted from the same offence.
  - “3 old men receive 80 lashes each for consuming alcohol,” *Vanguard*, 12/05/2001, 2.

11. Bello Abdulkadir (*Jig.*), sentenced in February 2002 to 80 strokes of the cane for drunkenness.
  - "Man Receives 80 Lashes for Drunkenness," *This Day*, 01/03/2002.
12. Abdulkadir Garba (*Jig.*), sentenced in September 2002 to 80 strokes of the cane for drunkenness.
  - "Village Head, Tutor, Girlfriend Caned 240 Lashes," *This Day*, 25/09/2002.
13. Abdulsalam Garba and his girl friend Ladi Muhammad (*Jig.*), sentenced in September 2002 to 80 strokes of the cane for drunkenness.
  - "Village Head, Tutor, Girlfriend Caned 240 Lashes," *This Day*, 25/09/2002.
14. Abba Bashir (*Jig.*), a son of a senior member of the Dutse Emirate Council, sentenced on two occasions in December 2002 and January 2003 to 80 strokes of the cane for drunkenness.
  - "Man caned for drunkenness in Dutse," *New Nigerian Newspaper*, 03/01/2003, 24.
  - "20-Year-Old Prince Caned for Drunkenness," *Daily Trust*, 23/01/2003, print edition.
  - "Emirate declares war on Sharia police for caning ruler's son," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 07/02/2003, 5.
  - "Emirate Council Dissolves Sharia Committee," *This Day*, 21/02/2003.
  - "Jigawa: Effective *Zakkat* system, poor sharia implementation," *Weekly Trust*, 26/07-01/08/2003, 7.
15. A man in his twenties (*Keb.*), sentenced in 2003 to flogging for intoxication.
  - HRW (2004: 61).
16. Garba Aliyu (*Zam.*), sentenced in July 2003 to 80 lashes for admitting drinking alcohol on earlier occasions.
  - HRW (2004: 59).
17. Ibrahim Musa (*Bau.*), sentenced in November 2004 to 80 strokes of the cane.
  - "Alcohol: Sharia Court Orders Man Caned 80 Strokes," *This Day*, 01/02/2005.

### ***Other criminal offences***

1. Jafaru Isa and Maniru Abdullahi (*Zam.*), two of 200 arrested commercial motorcycle riders, sentenced in August 2000 to twenty lashes for carrying women to whom they were not married.
  - "Sharia lashings for motorbike taxi riders," *BBC News*, 10/08/2000.
  - "Sharia beating for motorcyclists," *BBC News*, 10/08/2000.
2. Garuba Bagobiri-Unguwar and Mohammodu Danige (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to 20 lashes for gambling.
  - "Islamic scholar jailed for preaching violence in Nigeria," *AFP*, 28/09/2000.
  - Amnesty International Annual Report 2001.

3. Militant preacher Mohammadu Sani Julijoka (*Zam.*), sentenced in September 2000 to one year in prison for inciting violence after he urged people to protest against the “lenient way” in which the *sharī'a* was implemented in the state.
  - “Islamic scholar jailed for preaching violence in Nigeria,” *AFP*, 28/09/2000.
4. More than forty-five women (*Kan.*), arraigned in late 2000 for prostitution.
  - “45 Prostitutes Face Kano Sharia Courts,” *Post Express*, 16/12/2000, 94.
5. Emmanuel Oye and Femi Lasisi (*Sok.*), born Christians, sentenced in July 2001 to a 2,000 Naira fine or two months’ imprisonment for “idleness” and “belonging to a group of thieves,” insisted on being tried before a *sharī'a* court.
  - “Sharia Court Convicts Two Christians,” *This Day*, 01/08/2001.
6. Ten alleged prostitutes (*Kan.*), sentenced in February 2001 to two weeks’ imprisonment, and twenty-six men, sentenced to one month’s imprisonment, for participating in an “immoral gathering.” They were among sixty people arrested in January 2001.
  - “Sharia Court Jails 10 Women in Kano,” *This Day*, 16/02/2001.
  - “Sharia: Suspected prostitute dies in detention,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 17/02/2001, 48.
7. Two policemen (*Kat.*), sentenced in 2001 to 100 strokes of the cane for illegal confiscation of petrol from fuel vendors.
  - “Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.
8. Dauda Maroki and Gambo Maibishi (*Kat.*), two traditional Hausa praise singers, sentenced in April 2001 to ten strokes of the cane.
  - “Sharia strokes for musicians,” *The Comet*, 24/04/2001, print edition;
  - “Sharia: Musicians Caned for Playing at Wedding,” *This Day*, 27/04/2001.
9. Sirajo Ashanlenle (*Kat.*), a traditional Hausa musician, indicted in April 2001 for performing music, pardoned after he promised never to play at weddings again.
  - “Sharia strokes for musicians,” *The Comet*, 24/04/2001, print edition.
  - “Sharia: Musicians Caned for Playing at Wedding,” *This Day*, 27/04/2001.
10. 107 alleged prostitutes (*Keb.*), sentenced in June 2001 to 20 lashes of the cane each for idleness and wandering.
  - “107 prostitutes, 20 gamblers caned in Kebbi,” *Vanguard*, 16/06/2001, 3.
11. Four Muslims (*Sok.*), sentenced in July 2001 to lashing for smoking Marihuana.
  - “Sharia Court Convicts Two Christians,” *This Day*, 01/08/2001.
12. Sani Mamman (*Sok.*), indicted in July 2001 for selling carrion.

- "Sharia Court Jails Man for Selling Dead Animal's Meat," *This Day*, 20/07/2001, 5.
13. Mohammed Jobi and Issa Abdullahi (*Sok.*), two officials of the state's branch of the National Orientation Agency, sentenced in August 2001 to corporal punishment and fine for embezzling the cash gratuity of an employee.
    - "Nigeria civil servants flogged under Sharia," BBC News, 15/08/2001.
    - "NOA Director, Accountant Get 80 Lashes for Cheating," *This Day*, 17/08/2001.
  14. Yunusa Yargaba (*Jig.*), sentenced in August 2001 to 100 strokes of the cane for attempted rape of a blind woman.
    - "Man to Get 100 Lashes for Attempted Rape," *This Day*, 27/08/2001.
  15. Traditional ruler Abba Ajiya (*Jig.*), sentenced in November 2001, together with his companion and an accomplice, to 40 strokes of the cane and one year's imprisonment for living with a woman to whom he was not married.
    - "Sharia: FG, Sokoto Fight Over Safiya," *This Day*, 18/11/2001, 1 and 4.
    - "Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.
  16. Nagogo Kakumi (*Zam.*), accused in November 2001 of marrying more than four wives. It is unclear if this was treated as a criminal case.
    - "Man, 40, to Be Caned For Marrying 5 Wives," *Daily Trust*, 20/11/2001, print edition.
  17. Abdulsalami Ahmed Asha (*Zam.*), a member of the State House of Assembly, indicted in November 2001 for selling his official car.
    - "Nigerian official faces Sharia court," BBC News, 25/05/2001.
    - "Sharia court orders amputation of hands, legs in Sokoto," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 20/12/2001, print edition.
  18. Hawa Yahaya, Umar Garba and Yaro (*Zam.*), indicted in February 2002 for conspiracy to robbery.
    - "Man Gets 100 Strokes, One-Year Jail for Sodomy," *This Day*, 28/02/2002, 5.
  19. Two former Muslims (*Zam.*) who allegedly converted to Christianity, brought before a *shari'a* court in April 2002 on charges of apostasy. Case dismissed.
    - HRW (2004: 82).
  20. Bus driver Tasi'u Saidu (*Kad.*), charged in June 2002 with injuring two women.
    - "Man Remanded for Assault on Pregnant Woman," *This Day*, 07/06/2002.
  21. Seven alleged prostitutes (*Kat.*), sentenced in September 2002 to 15 strokes of the cane each for "loitering."
    - "Kebbi sacks Sharia court judge over financial scam," *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 10/09/2002, print edition.

22. Labaran Magayaki, Kwari, Shaibu and Kabiru (*Zam.*), sentenced in January 2003 to paying a fine and compensation to the complainant for criminal trespass.
  - HRW (2004: 69).
23. Saminu Abbas (*Kan.*), indicted in 2003 for “gross indecency” for raping a four-year-old girl.
  - “Man in Sharia court for raping 4-year-old girl,” *Daily Trust*, 26/05/2003, 23.
24. Abdu Rabe (*Kat.*), sentenced in June 2003 to two years’ imprisonment and 20 strokes of the cane for indecent behaviour after having entered in a female students’ hostel, where he indecently touched a student.
  - “Sharia court jails 45-yr-old man,” *Daily Trust*, 24/06/2003, print edition.
25. Mudansiru Abdulmumini (*Kan.*), sentenced in June 2003 to 20 lashes for dealing in intoxicants.
  - HRW (2004: 60).
26. Shafaiatu Tukur (*Zam.*), indicted in September 2003 for burning down her fellow wife’s home.
  - “Sharia Court orders caning of woman,” *The Guardian* (Nigeria), 02/10/2003.
  - “Sharia Court Orders Woman to Receive 30 Lashes for Arson,” *Daily Trust*, 02/10/2003, print edition.
27. Four members of the governor’s re-election campaign committee (*Zam.*), accused in October 2003 of diverting 374 motorcycles meant for the state’s poverty alleviation programme.
  - “Sharia: Zamfara gov’s campaign manager docked over theft,” *Daily Independent*, 31/10/2003.
28. A wedding party (*Zam.*) comprising eight individuals, sentenced in December 2004 to 25 strokes of the cane and a fine of 5,000 Naira each for immoral acts after organising a picnic in honour of the groom.
  - “Wedding picnic: Sharia court sentences couples to 25 lashes,” *Daily Trust*, 29/12/2004.