

Capital punishment upheld against 52-year-old visitor

Man convicted of killing compatriot and stealing his credit card

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Dubai: Dubai's highest court on Monday confirmed the death sentence against an Egyptian visitor who was convicted of premeditatedly killing his compatriot and stealing his credit card.

The Dubai Court of Cassation upheld the death sentence against 52-year-old Khalaf Hussain Khalaf Hashem.

"The jury has rejected Hashem's appeal to reduce his punishment and confirmed the Appeal Court's verdict," said Presiding Judge Mohammad Nabeel Riyadh upon pronouncing yesterday's judgment in courtroom 22.

The court upheld the capital punishment against the convict who had pleaded not guilty and claimed that the victim was still alive when he left his flat. He was convicted of the premeditated murder of H.M. and the murder was associated with the crime of theft.

Prosecutors said the defendant intentionally beat H.M. with a sharp tool on the back of his head in his flat in Al Baraha. He was also charged with stealing.

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