

Man faces death term for killing husband of mistress

Convict's appeal to reduce his punishment rejected

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Dubai: A man found guilty of murdering his mistress' husband is facing the death sentence after Dubai's highest court on Monday rejected his appeal.

The Dubai Cassation Court yesterday upheld the death sentence against the 23-year-old Rowan Kumara Dichabria, of Sri Lanka, who was found guilty of the premeditated murder of his mistress' husband, J.P.

The man's sentence will be carried out soon after the Ruler's endorsement.

Dichabria had appealed to the Cassation Court to reduce his punishment, but Presiding Judge Mohammad Nabeel Riyadh on Monday rejected the appeal.

In June, the Dubai Appeals Court cancelled the convict's life sentence and imposed the death sentence after Presiding Judge Mahmoud Fahmi confirmed the guilty verdict of premeditated murder.

"The court overruled the convict's appeal to reduce his punishment and approved the Dubai Public Prosecution's appeal, to confirm the death sentence. The jury has unanimously agreed to hand the convict capital punishment," said Presiding Judge Riyadh.

Prosecutors charged the defendant with killing J.P. in a fit of rage when he saw him and his wife walking hand-in-hand.

When the accused appeared in court, he said: "I did quarrel with him and he fought me and I fought back ... but I didn't intend to kill him".

An Emirati lieutenant testified that when he questioned the wife, she confessed that she was the mistress of Dichabria, who she also accused of killing her husband.