

HC upholds life term for murderer

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Kolkata: Calcutta High Court has upheld conviction of a man serving a life sentence for murder in Nadia. According to the prosecution, Abhijit Ghosh alias Rabi had attacked Siben Ghosh on the night of January 8, 1993 with a sharp weapon. Siben had later died at the Tehatta hospital. A first information report was lodged by the victim's younger brother Nipendra Kumar Ghosh.

According to the complainant, Siben had quarrelled with Anju Ghosh near their house on the night of the incident. Kalipada Ghosh, a neighbour, reached the spot and entered into an altercation with Siben. Sometime later, Kalipada's son Abhijit arrived on the spot and

attacked Siben.

On March 3, 2000, the additional sessions judge of the second court of Nadia, convicted Abhijit of murder and sentenced him to life. Kalipada was however acquitted.

Abhijit moved an appeal against the conviction before the High Court through advocate Milan Mukherjee and Phiroze Edulji.

The advocates argued that their client should have been convicted under section 304 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which

is culpable homicide not amounting to murder, instead of 302 IPC (murder). They also pointed out that there were doubts regarding the place of occurrence. After hearing the matter, justice Alok Basu and justice P K Deb upheld the conviction of Abhijit.

