



## High court returns hospital poisoning case to lower court

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The Osaka High Court on Thursday remanded a case ruled on by the Kyoto District Court in which a doctor who previously worked for the National Sanatorium Utano Hospital in Ukyo Ward, Kyoto, was found not guilty of poisoning seven other doctors at the hospital with sodium azide in the autumn of 1998.

Presiding Judge Kazuhisa Shirai criticized the initial ruling for disallowing a deposition in which Hiroshi Ishida, former head of the hospital's internal medicine department, allegedly admitted to the allegations against him, as

