

# Oyo: Police arrest 7 suspects over alleged murder, cult-related offences

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**T**he Oyo State Police Command has arrested seven suspects in connection with murder, cultism and other criminal activities in various parts of the state.

The Public Relations Officer of the Command, Olayinka Ayanlade (DSP), who noted that some exhibits were recovered after the arrests, disclosed in a statement yesterday, that one suspect was arrested in connection with alleged murder in Tede Town in the Oke Ogun geo-political zone.

He said two suspects were

nabbed in connection with cult-related offence in Jobele Town of Oyo area, while another was caught in Ilora Town both in the AFLJIO area of Oyo Town.

The statement read this: "In continuation of its proactive measures against violent crime, the Command recorded a major breakthrough at Budo Panu area of Tede following a reported murder. Acting promptly on credible intelligence, operatives arrested Yaru Saka (male, adult) in connection with the death of Amodu Saliu (male), recovering a locally fabricated single-barrel gun at the scene.

"Building on its intelligence-led approach, the Command effectively neutralised a cult-related disturbance in the Jobele area. Operatives responded promptly to information regarding a violent fracas, rescuing Abraham Atunde (male), aged 35, who had sustained stab injuries. A blood-stained knife, recovered at the scene, was linked to the attack and injuries sustained," the release said.

## Police arrest 2 suspected kidnappers, recover N2.4m ransom in Rivers

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**T**he Rivers State Police Command has arrested two suspected kidnappers, whose kidnapping syndicate has allegedly been terrorising residents of Etche Local Government Area of the state.

Police spokesperson in the state, Grace Iringe-Koko, said the police also recovered the sum of N2,383,000 from the suspects who were arrested following intelligence-

January 13, noting that they were intercepted along the Ozuzu/Apara link road in Etche council area on January 22 at about 8:49pm.

"Upon search, the sum of N2,383,000, suspected to be part of ransom paid by the victims' families, was recovered from them," she said.

Upon interrogation, the police spokesperson said the suspects admitted their involvement in the crime and confessed to participating in several kidnapping incidents, including the abduction of two other female

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