

JTF arrest 4 for alleged murder in Maiduguri

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FOUR suspected persons have been arrested by the Joint Task Force (JTF) for the murder of one Mallam Ibrahim Lawan a watchman of a private resident behind NUJ House New GRA Maiduguri.

Briefing newsmen when handing over the suspects to the police for prosecution at the Giwa Barracks in Maiduguri, the Spokesman of the JTF Lt. Col. Hasan Ifijeh Mohammed said the suspects were arrested following a tip off by some good Samaritans in the area.

He stated that the JTF do not keep suspects in their custody. Instead he said they normally hand them over to the police for further interrogations and prosecution, adding that

constitutionally they are supposed to interrogate suspects, hence the speedy handover of the suspects to the police.

Lt Col Mohammed said the suspects are not members of the Boko Haram but have similar characteristics with them, pointing out that some individuals hide under the umbrella of Boko Haram to perpetuate their evil acts. He said the Boko Haram members are faceless group which cannot be identified.

He said the suspect murdered the late watchman by stabbing him with a knife severally in neck and on the chest, stressing that the suspects confessed to the JTF that they killed the man, as they were trying to steal iron rods in the house which is under construction.

The suspects are 24 year

old Suleiman Samila from Kastina, Yusuf Ishaku, Ishaku Alhaji Abdsullahi, 25 and Yahaya Abubakar. The JTF spokesman said that the suspects after killing the deceased, dragged his body to a nearby river and throw it into the river, the corpse has started decomposing, as it was discovered one week after the murder.

Confessing, the leader of gang Suleiman Samaila said he was the one who stabbed the deceased four time on his chest and in the neck, while he tried to prevent them from stealing the rods.

In a related development, the JTF also handed over one Mohammed Usman who was arrested 19th September, 2011 for attempting to stab one Amina Mohammed in her house in Bulunkutu ward off the metropolis.