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MAN HANDS OVER WIFE TO RITUALISTS IN PLATEAU

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The Plateau State Police Command said yesterday that it arrested a man who allegedly handed his wife to two people to be killed for ritual purpose.

The command said it also smashed a 27-man armed robbery gang, who allegedly killed two men in the course of an operation.

Addressing a news conference, the Plateau State Commissioner of Police, Nasiru Oki said: "Policemen in Qua'a Pan Local Government Area arrested one Maimako Shephang at Kwalla, following information that he lured his wife, Agnes, to a nearby bush in a pretext of fetching firewood. On getting to the bush, the man handed over the wife to two men who masked themselves. After she was given to the men, they asked her if was a spinster or married. The woman then told them that the man who handed her over to them was her husband. On hearing that, they told her to run away from the place, because the spiritual sacrifice required a woman who is still a virgin".

On the robbery gang, the commissioner said the two men killed were cattle breeders. He said 200 cows were also stolen from the men, but later recovered.

"Some armed men numbering about 27 invaded the residence of one Alhaji Jibrin Abdulhamid at Seri-Amper in Kanke Local Government Area, shooting sporadically. Two cattle rearers; Saidu Gidado and Musa Abdul-hamid, died in the process and their cattle numbering over 200 were carted away," he said.

Oki said two of the suspected robbers were arrested and are now helping the police with investigation.

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