Six suspected killers of Afuze police officers paraded in Edo

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Suspects paraded for the alleged involvement in the killing of four police officers in Afuze, Edo State.

The police in Edo State have paraded six suspects allegedly involved in the killing of four police officers including a pregnant woman at the Afuze police station in Owan East Local Government of the state.

It was gathered that the suspects killed the officers, set the station ablaze and set free their colleagues who were arrested for armed robbery in the area. The arrested suspects gave their names as Agunu Ernest, 24; Paul Richard 24; Sunday Thank-God, 21; Suleiman Omogbai, 22; George Sebastian, 20; and Agbomikhe Agustine, 22.

It was gathered that the suspects were arrested when a police officer searched Ernest's phone and discovered that most of the contacts were police officers.

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It was further gathered that during investigation, the suspect confessed that the phone belonged to one of the officers killed at the Afuze police station.

The suspects were among the 45 suspects paraded by the state Commissioner of Police, DanMallam Muhammed, for alleged involvement in various crimes in the state.

The commissioner assured that the suspects would be charged to court and that no one would escape justice.

Speaking with journalists, one of the suspects, Suleiman Omogbai, said Ernest who was arrested by the police invited them to come and rescue them from the police cell.

"When we got to the station, Abaga, who is at large, started shooting and we killed the police officers so that we can escape. I killed one of the police while Abaga locked the police inside the room and killed them," he said.

He said it was Abaga that brought the explosives used in the operation, saying that they didn't plan to kill the officers during the operation but don't know what came over them.

"Abaga called me that we are going to set free Ernest and three others. Killing was not part of the plan but when we got there, Abaga killed the DPO. That was how we joined him. I didn't intend to kill the officer but you know gun has a spirit that go with it," he said.

Omogbai said after the operation he left with his group while Ernest, Abaga and his group went to attack the INEC office.

On his part, Ernest said he invited Abaga to come and rescue them from the cell but not to kill anyone.

"Paul, whom we were locked up in the cell together, brought Abaga's number, we then told the IPO to call him to come and bail us. When he came, we told him to come and rescue us and after two hours, we started hearing gunshots. Not too long after, they burst the door open and rescued us. We later got to know that they killed the officers," he said.

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