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Man Sues STF, AGF, Others Over Son's Death, Demands N1bn As Compensation

From Isa Abdulsalami Ahovi, Jos

A RETIRED Police Officer, Yakubu Chollom, yesterday sued the Special Task Force (STF) before a Jos Federal High Court over the alleged death of his son, Victor, aged 33 years.

Chollom, 55, accused STF of allegedly causing the death of his son, who died on July 24. He accused the task force of arresting, detaining and torturing Victor for "no just cause" which led to his death, and demanded N1 billion as compensation.

Also joined in the suit, are the Attorney General of the Federation, Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff, Commandant General, NSCDC and STF Commander as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th respondents respectively among others.

Chollom, through his Counsel, Mr Gyang Zi, told the

Court, presided over by Justice Ayo Emmanuel, that the officers and men of the STF, maintaining peace on the Plateau, had arrested Victor at his home only to be tortured and murdered in cold blood.

In his application, Chollom prayed the court to declare the arrest, assault, torture, humiliation, embarrassment, insult, harassment, detention and murder of Victor by the respondents as illegal, unlawful and unconstitutional.

According to Chollom, his son, a professional photographer, had on May 19, 2013 gone to Jenta, Kabongin Jos to cover the birthday party of his friend, Mr. Emmanuel Joseph, who at the end gave a cart to drop him at his home at Alheri, Zaria road, Jos. He argued that the trio, Ahanan Peter, Yawul and Chosen, who dropped Victor later returned with some STF personnel who had allegedly stopped them on

their way back and inquired where they were coming from. "On getting to Victor's house, they started beating him with belts, gun boots, their boots all sorts of hard objects without asking him a single question. Victor was thereafter arrested and taken to the STF Headquarters along with the other three and the beating

continues to the extent that he was bleeding profusely without any serious medical attention," he alleged.

Chollom further alleged that when his son was taken to the STF Sick Bay, nothing serious could be done to stop the bleeding and when he was returned to the cell, the whole place was covered with his

blood.

According to him, it was at that point that the officers decided to let Victor and the three others go home.

Consequently, Victor began to vomit blood and later died on May 24, 2013 from the beating received from the STF personnel during his arrest and detention.

UBA Partners Police on Anti-crime Campaign

From: Mathias Okwe, Abuja

UNITED Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc is partnering the Nigerian Police high command in the fight against cyber crime and other forms of misdemeanor, particular amongst the youths in the country and beyond.

Accordingly, the Managing Director of UBA, Mr. Philips

Oduoza and the Inspector-General of Police, (IGP) Mr. Mohammed .D Abubakar, have unveiled an electronic anti-crime campaign jingle to air on national radio stations aimed at raising the awareness of Nigerians on how to tackle insecurity in the country.

The campaign would discourage young Nigerians

from engaging in crime and seek public support and participation in tackling insecurity in Nigeria, said Oduoza. The anti-crime sensitization campaign is part of the IGP's innovative effort to address the security challenges of terrorism, insurgency, kidnapping, cultism, rape as well as human and drug trafficking currently facing the nation.

