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Relief in Plateau as police haul in suspects

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One after another, police dragnet is pulling in suspected criminals as long-suffering residents applaud, reports YUSUFU AMINU IDEGU

Some now in police custody are thought to be armed robbers, some rapists, murderers, and there are more.

How did Plateau State, once loved for its serenity, scenic beauty and temperate weather, end up a haven for felons? It is a question residents often ask without getting any answers.

In broad daylight as well as night, car owners are conscious that their vehicles could be snatched by gun-toting thieves, and their fears often come true. At home, power generators are also stolen. That is not all. Rapists, murders and a variety of other rogues are also about, making residents jumpy most of the time.

There is also the ubiquitous presence of military personnel, not really for these crimes, but for such more alarming cases as terrorism and communal clashes. Yet, the other lesser criminals find enough room to strike.

The good news is that security agencies seem to have figured out how to keep the felons out of business. A good number of the suspects have been arrested and are being questioned by police. When they were paraded, and what a large hurl, the people expressed their joy and relief by applauding the law enforcement agents.

The state police commissioner, Nasiru Oki was celebrated for the catch, even though nothing is certain yet regarding the guilt of the accused, as they have not been charged to court.


The criminals paraded by the police commissioner at the command headquarters at Joseph Gomwalk Way Jos, were up to 30. But the interesting aspect of the event was not the number of the suspects but the nature of the crime they were thought to have committed.

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•He is accused of concealing a machete

The man reportedly owned up to the crime. One of the two granddaughters he allegedly deflowered is 11 years old, the other 14.

Another man, Monday Pam, also paraded by the police, was alleged to have killed another man over a girlfriend. The girlfriend, Magdalene Fidelis, a widow, was dating the two men at the same time. Pam rented an apartment for her where she lived with her three children. But another she loved was also coming to spend some time with her in the apartment.

Pam said, "The woman is my girlfriend, but I know another man was also dating [her], so I warned the man several times but [he] ignored my warnings. So the last time we met in the house of my girlfriend, I challenged him and it resulted in a fight; the man wanted to kill me, so I pulled out my knife and stabbed him."

The widow at the centre of the conflict, said, "I am a widow with three children; this man Monday Pam is my boyfriend, he even rented the house for me, so when he came across this man in my house, they started fighting and I drove them [out of] my house, so they went to the road and fought that night. I did not know that my boyfriend killed the other man until the police came and arrest me."

Pam, who is in police custody alongside the widow, has a wife and children. The police gave the name of the dead lover as Christopher Vincent. Both Monday Pam and his girlfriend Magdalene Fidelis will be charged to court for conspiracy and culpable homicide, the police said.

In a similar case, three young men in Josho Daho village of Bokkos Local Government, Plateau state, went to a night party. One of them, Mr. Anjum Moren noticed his wife Asabe Anjum in a passionate romance with another man. Mr. Moren quickly elected his other two friends of the situation and three of them engage the man romancing his wifeliness a fit-scuff. In the fight that ensued, the man said to be romancing Mr. Morgen' wife, Yakubu Patrick was stabbed to death right there. Mr. More claimed he had several times warned the deceased Yakubu

Patric to steer clear of his wife. The three young men are already in police net for the crime and they are about to be charged to court for conspiracy and culpable homicide.

Another interesting aspect of the criminals on parade is the case of a young man who ride on commercial motorcycle in Jos metropolise with a machete strapped to his back. The purpose of the machete was to attack any security agency that tried to arrest them knowing fully well that commercial motorcycle has been outlawed in a Jos city since 2012.

According to the police commissioner, "These boys knows they are committing crime against the state for ridding commercial motorcycle. So they armed to attack any any law enforcement officer that tried to arrested them. They have done that to several police men. But this one was not lucky, as he tried to pull the machete from his shirt as usual, he was over powered by the police and was arrested" the police boss said they are still looking out to arrest these gang of criminals and very soon, we will get some others if they continued to break the laws.

There is also a case of witchcraft, in this case, an elderly man called Yakubu Kwon Sanga, poured some quantity of Kerosine on one Nancy Dauda, an eight year old girl on the suspicion that the girl was a witch. He lured the girl into his room and tried to interrogate the little girl. But all of a sudden, the man poured kerosine on the girl, got a matches and set the girl on fire, or course, the girl was severely burnt and eventually died. The suspect was eventually arrested by the police.

The regular crime in the state is that of armed robbery. In Old Legislative Quaters in Jos city, one Stephen Musa went with a gun to rub at the residence of one Tokumbo Adewoye in the middle of the night. The suspect forced himself into the apartment and demanded for money at gun point. But the owner of the house was bold enough to grab the suspect while pretending to handover to the robber some money, Mr Adewoye overpowered the robber and alerted his neighbors. The suspect was immediately handed over to the police patrol team.

In Quan Pan local government of the state, two suspected armed robbers attacked Mr. Wilfred Mankut in his house while he was sleeping, he was robbed of his cash and other valuable items. The robbers esced with their lots, but the police continued to trail him through diligent investigation and eventually apprehended him.

It was a miracle for another woman who was attacked by armed robber at her residence along Bukuru express in Jos city. The suspects robber who is now in police net came to the house in a broad day light and told the woman that her husband directed him to come and carry out some electrical work on the house. But the woman suspected the electrician and refused the electrician to carry out any work in the house. The fake electrician then requested for a water to drink. As the woman headed towards the kitchen to bring the

One of the suspects was a 75-year-old grandfather who reportedly raped his own granddaughters and their friends. The old man was said to be having an affair with his two granddaughters, a development that was said to have lasted without other members of the family knowing about it. He accused was also said to have deflowered the two girls.

The police gave the name of the old man as Mr Umoru Choji who lived in Zawan village in Jos South Local Government Area of the state. He was discovered when the some teenagers from the other families reported the affair to the girls' parents. The parents in turn reported it to 'B' Division Police Station in Bukuru and he was promptly picked up by the police.

water, the fake electrician followed the woman up and pulled out a gun, he immediately ordered the woman to surrender all her money, handsets and other valuables. But instead of responding to the demands made on her at gunpoint, the woman pounced on the robber and eventually dispossessed the robber of the gun, she screamed heavily and neighbors came to her help to apprehend the robber and handed her over to the police.

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