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Suspected killers of police officers held

• Human part 'dealers' nabbed

TARABA State Police Command has arrested 25 suspects for crimes and recovered arms and ammunition.

Three of the suspects are alleged killers of the three police officers and two members of a vigilance group, who were murdered on August 6.

ASP Kilobas Iliya, SGT John Dogo and PC Joel Saleh with two members of a vigilance group were killed while responding to a distress call at Baum village in Lau Local Government of the state.

Police Commissioner David Akinremi yesterday paraded the 25 suspects in Jalingo.

The suspected killers of the policemen are Adamu Bakari, 23, Haruna Buba, 40 and Ali Musa, 40.

The suspects confessed that about 20 of them were recruited by the Sarkin Fulani of Abari, Alhaji Ahmadu Baka, who gave them arms which they used to kill the deceased under the guise that they wanted to steal his (Baka's) cows.

One Berretta rifle, locally made pistols, cutlasses, charms and AK47 rifle stolen from the deceased officers were recovered.

The police commissioner said efforts were being made

From Fanen Ihyongo,
Jalingo

to arrest the suspected sponsor and other members of the gang.

Also paraded were three human part dealers, Kabiru Abubakar, 30, Abubakar Abdulmalik, 31 and Yahaya Danjuma, 35.

Akinremi said the suspects were residents of Labdo in Jalingo.

They were reportedly arrested when they approached a mortuary attendant at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Jalingo, Umar Yunusa "and desperately requested for women's private parts and hair for rituals."

"The suspects even deposited money. Detectives were informed, leading to their arrest", the police boss said.

Among the suspects was Hassan Isah, who was nabbed for impersonating a policeman.

He was paraded in police uniform. He gave his (fake) number as 114653 and rank as constable.

The suspect collected N400,000 from Auwalu Musa and N550,000 from two others, promising to help them recruit their children into the Nigeria

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