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## Secret killings still on in Jos —Task force raises alarm

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THE military Special Task Force (STF) in charge of security in Plateau State has raised an alarm over "continued secret killings" in some parts of Jos and Bukuru metropolis. The STF spokesman, Captain Charles Ekeocha, told newsmen in Jos yesterday that the force was seriously concerned about the unfortunate development and appealed to the public to co-operate with it in achieving its mandate of restoring peace in the state.

Ekeocha said that on Tuesday, the corpse of a commercial motorcyclist deposited in a well was found in Utan Community in Jos-North area of the metropolis.

He said: "We got a report on Tuesday night that a commercial motorcyclist, who brought a passenger to Utan was killed and dumped inside a well.

"Our men investigated the report, which led to the arrest of three people, suspected to be connected with the killing, while four other suspects are still at large."

Ekeocha said the motorcyclist was allegedly lured by one Luka Timothy into the remote part of the village, where he was attacked and killed.

He added that one of the suspects who carried out the dastardly act, later made away with the motorcycle of the deceased.

Ekeocha commended the community for providing the STF with the information that uncovered the act and eventual arrest of some of the suspects.

"This shows that some of the communities don't like what their youths are doing. We encourage other communities to come forward with such information."

"If we can be provided with timely information, we will be able to save people from being killed. We must let the world know that some communities don't support violence," he said.

Ekeocha said the suspects had confessed that they killed the motorcyclist about six weeks ago.

He said that acts of secret killings were still being carried out in some places, but reiterated STF's determination to stop it and bring the culprits to book.

Ekeocha said the three suspects who were currently in the STF custody, would be handed over to the police for further investigation and prosecution.