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Police arrest suspected syndicate behind killing of Bauchi man

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THE police in Bauchi State have arrested four suspects, including a Black Axe member, over the killing of one Abdulhakeem Bauchi, who was killed on March 12 at Gwallameji area of Bauchi metropolis.

The suspects arrested in connection with the killing, according to the police, were

Michael Sansai (23), Samuel Uzima (24), William Yakubu (28) and Dauda Akanni (26).

According to a statement made available to **Metro** by the Bauchi State Police Command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Haruna Mohammed, the suspects were arrested by detectives attached to the command's anti-kidnaping unit.

"You may recall that on March 12, at about 12.05a.m., one Abdulhakeem Bauchi was killed by unknown persons, and his decomposing body was recovered at Rugan Jira Mountain in Gwallameji area of Bauchi State on March 17.

"However, discreet investigation by police detectives attached to an-

ti-kidnapping unit of the command led to the arrest of the syndicate members who allegedly perpetrated the dastardly act," Mohammed, a Superintendent of Police, said.

The police spokesman stated that preliminary investigation revealed that the principal suspect, Michael Sansai, was a member of a secret cult group,

Black Axe Confraternity.

He added that exhibits recovered so far from the suspects included one black Nokia 225 belonging to the deceased; seven wraps of dry leaves suspected to be Indian hemp; torn clothes of the deceased, a SIM card and

other items.

The PPRO further stated that the case was under investigation to ascertain the actual motive behind the act, while efforts were being intensified to apprehend other fleeing accomplices after which suspects would be charged to court.

