

# Use he caused my brother's soldiers — Kidnap suspect

not recall when he started the crime. He gave the names of those who went for the kidnapping of Bovas' MD as Audu Ekele, Babuga, Alfa, Buba, Bashir, Dankau.

Another suspect, Aremu, said that Saleh was killed after his brother paid N6.5 million because he was the one who pointed his brother, Jimoh Ogun, out to soldiers in Kara, Saki.

"My brother used to steal cows and Saleh invited soldiers to arrest him and Mutairu. My brother died in the soldiers' custody. Audu told me of intention to kidnap Saleh. I got N500,000 from the ransom which I used to start the construction of my house.

"Umoru also said he got N450,000 as his share of the ransom, claiming that he did not know that the victim was killed.

"Mutairu confessed that though he used to steal cows, he had stopped before his arrest by soldiers and subsequent transfer to the DSS. He said he was also given

N500,000 from the N6.5 million."

Another gang of nine suspected armed robbers who stormed the residence of one Chief Samuel Afolabi in Ilora, Oyo State, on May 27 and killed his guard before carting away cash and other valuables have also been apprehended.

**Metro** learnt that the suspects were arrested by SARS operatives, led by their commander, in Ogun and Oyo states.

The police commissioner also said that the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (F-SARS) was able to burst the illegal activities of a gang that specialised in hijacking fuel-laden tankers along the Lagos/Ibadan highway.

"Until their arrest, the members of the criminal gang, which included a serving soldier and a dismissed policeman, had operated on Ojoo-Iwo Road, Ibadan; Lagos-Ibadan highway and other parts of the state, snatching trucks

conveying petroleum products to various destinations across the country," he said.

Odude added that two students of a tertiary institution in the South-West of Nigeria and one other were nabbed for cult-related activities.

The three suspects, who were said to be members of the Supreme Eiye Confraternity, were allegedly responsible for the orgy of violence and wanton killing and maiming of innocent victims at Agbowo area and other places in Ibadan, according to Odude.

One Ibrahim Aliyu Babtunde was also arrested for allegedly conspiring with other members of his kidnap gang to abduct his own father on May 17. The police commissioner said that the victim was released after a ransom was paid.

He said that investigations were still ongoing over the activities of the suspects, adding that they would be arraigned in court at the completion of investigation.

