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Inspector-General of Police, in Kaduna State

## 3 brothers, 11 other suspected killers of varsity lecturer arrested by IRT operatives

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THE Inspector General of Police's Intelligence Response Team (IRT), which was saddled with the task of unravelling those behind the killing of a senior lecturer with the Nasarawa State University, Dr Ibrahim Mailafia, has arrested 14 suspected members of a kidnap and robbery gang allegedly responsible for the act.

The lecturer met his end on November 11, 2017 on Kaduna-Zaria-Kano highway on his way to Kano to visit his family after obtaining a doctorate degree on Artificial Intelligence from the United Kingdom, the *Nigerian Tribune* gathered.

The suspects were identified as Jatau Sunday (35), said to be the leader of the gang; Solomon Jatau (40), the gang leader's brother;

Ayuba Jatau (32), also a younger brother to the leader; Ishaku Luka a.k.a Dogo (42), who was allegedly selling arms and ammunition to the gang; Bature Adamu (38); Bello Abdullahi (32) and Mamuda Mohammed (27).

Others were Ibrahim Daniel (27), a Chad Republic citizen found in possession of the late Dr Mailafia's phones; Emmanuel Garba; while Alhaji Usman Mo-

ammed (35), Alhaji Ibrahim Baba (49), Bello Aliyu (36), Surajo Mohammed (35) and Hassan Ibrahim (55) were said to have been arrested in Kaduna and Zaria for allegedly receiving items taken from the lecturer and other victims.

Recovered from the kidnap gang suspects were two AK-47 rifles loaded with ammunition, a Beretta pistol and several vehicles and phones stolen from the vic-

tims, including the iPhone of late Dr. Mailafia.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that a special team of the IGP's Intelligence Response Team, led by DCP Abba Kyari, employed technical intelligence to trail the suspects and the receivers of the cars they dispossessed their owners of.

It was further learnt that during interrogation, the suspects confessed to several armed robberies, kidnappings and murders on the highways that fall within Kaduna, Kano and Niger states.

The gang leader, Sunday, was also reported to have confessed that he was the one who shot and killed the lecturer.

When contacted, the Force Public Relations Officer, ACP Jimoh Moshood, confirmed the development, saying that efforts to arrest more gang members and recover the remaining operational weapons were in progress.

## agent defrauded me of N80m, businessman tells court

Onikoyi Layout, Parkview Estate, Lagos State.

According to the businessman, the defendant falsely claimed to be representing one Onikoyi family, which owned the land.

"I instructed my lawyer to petition the Special Fraud Unit since it is within their jurisdiction.

"The N80 million was paid into the defendant's three separate bank ac-

counts.

"Upon paying the money, we went into a contract of sale since I found out that he built the transaction on lies and had no contact with the Onikoyi family.

"The Onikoyi family denied knowing him and I further discovered that there was no trace that he transferred funds to the family.

"Alhaji Olawale claimed

that he was working for the family but they denied him. He also gave me a receipt of payment which carried a letter head of a lawyer's chamber, simply identified as Abiodun, who he claimed represented the family.

"Up till now, I have not got the land or received back my funds," he said.

Olawale was arraigned before Justice Adenike

J. Coker of an Ikeja High Court on a two-count charge of obtaining money by false pretence and stealing preferred against him by the state.

The offence contravenes sections 383 (2)(f) and 390 (9) of the Criminal Code, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

The matter was adjourned till tomorrow for cross examination.