

The suspects arrested in connection with the kidnap and killing of a man in Osun State

## 27-yr-old in police net for allegedly arranging father's abduction in Osun • As father dies in kidnappers' den after N3m ransom

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A 27-year-old man, identified as Isah Ibrahim, was, on Tuesday, paraded by the Osun State Police Command for allegedly masterminding the kidnap of his own father, who died in the abductors' den after the kidnappers collected a ransom of N3 million.

Osun State Commissioner of Police, Mr Fimihan Adeoye, who made this disclosure while parading the suspects alongside other apprehended criminals, said Isah conspired with one Jolaannobi Saheed and others on April 17 around Owode, Ede.

The hoodlums, who allegedly collected N3 million ransom from the victim's family, only gave Isah N45,000 as his share of the ransom fee.

According to the police boss, "the boy organised the kidnap of his 55-year-old father

by a gang of kidnappers at Owode Ede on April 17.

"In order to unravel those behind the abduction, the police swung into action and arrested one Jola Anobi who was charged to court. The suspect was eventually released on bail and we continued with our investigation.

"We have arrested three more suspects that carried out the offences. The son of the victim arranged the kidnapping of his father who was eventually killed and buried near a river. The remains of the man might have been washed away. The suspects collected N3 million after the man had been killed.

"The son said that the kidnappers promised him N500,000 but he was eventually given N45,000. So, he sold his father for N45,000. The suspect who was initially charged to court and granted bail has jumped bail now."

However, one of the suspected abductors, identified as Lateef Bello, explained that the victim was not murdered, but pushed against the wall, hitting his head on a concrete wall.

Bello stated: "After the kidnap, the deceased removed the hood put on his face and was able to identify some of

the kidnappers. Some of the Togolese recruited for the kidnap started pushing the man until he hit his head against the wall."

Speaking on the matter, the son of the deceased stated that "my father woke up one day and started beating me with a rod. He said I did not wake up early.

to buy a Toyota Hummer bus.

It was further learnt that he allegedly absconded af

"I ran out and he said I should never come in again. He threw out my things and I asked my younger brother to help pack my belongings.

"I didn't ask them to kill him. I had a quarrel with my father and he drove me out of the house and refused to accept me back into the house."

## Customs impound 6,194 bags of rice in Ogun

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A total of 6,194 bags of smuggled rice and other contraband worth over N382 million have been impounded by the Ogun State Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS).

Stating this on Tuesday was the state NCS Comptroller, Michael Agbara, at a press briefing held at Idiroko border office.

He said that 33 vehicles, 395 kegs of vegetable oil (25 litres

each), 340 kegs of petrol, 1,954 pairs of foot wears and seven bales of secondhand clothing were impounded alongside the bags of rice.

Agbara said other items were 45 cartons of frozen poultry products, 150 cartons of Ceres red grape juice and five cartons of Ribena juice valued at N382, 263, 360, all seized in the month of August.

The customs boss noted that about 27,085 bags of rice had so far been seized, which

exceeded the 21,789 bags impounded the previous year.

"The anti-smuggling success story is a blow to smugglers who wanted to exploit the Sallah festivities to perpetrate their illicit acts.

"However, officers and men of Ogun command have fulfilled the promise of curtailing the activities of these economic saboteurs," he said.

The customs boss further said that the command had handed over 11,057 bags of