

## 2 Suspected pipeline vandal dies attempting to disarm NSCDC operative

THE Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Lagos State, on Tuesday, said that a suspected pipeline vandal got killed while trying to disarm an operative of the agency.

Spokesperson of the NSCDC in Lagos State, Miss Kehinde Bada, an Assistant Superintendent of Corps, disclosed this to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** while reacting to the killing of a man by operatives of the corps.

According to Bada, the incident occurred at a security post manned by men of the corps mandated to guard and protect the pipelines in Abule-Egba area, Oke Odo, a suburb of Lagos State.

She said that the officers had successfully foiled the activities of vandals in the area in recent times and brought to the barest minimum cases of vandalism.

"As a result of this, a group of youths, five in number,

suspected to be vandals, attacked the NSCDC post, on Sunday, at about 9:00 p.m. to steal firearms.

"This led to a scuffle between the officer on duty and the suspected vandals, during which the victim pulled the trigger while trying to disarm the officer and unfortunately lost his life.

"This is an attack on the NSCDC officer, but investigation has commenced and necessary procedures would

be followed. The corps values the lives of citizens of the country and will in no way take the life of anybody," she said.

The corps image-maker further said that the operative involved in the incident was taken into police custody for safety as he called for back-up from the nearest police station.

Bada said the operative was taken into police custody after the youth in area went on

rampage.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Chike Oti, confirmed to **NAN** that the corps operative was in police custody after the killing.

Oti said the corps operative and some arms, ammunition and other items used for their operation were evacuated from the scene of the incident to the Homicide Unit of the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for inves-

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tigation.

"We are yet to get details what happened. There was a distress call that someone was killed in Abule-Egba area. Our men went there to rescue the NSCDC operative on duty.

"The police rescued the operative, arms and ammunition and other materials they use for their operation to the Homicide Unit of the State CID, Panti. Investigation had commenced," Oti said.

## Security personnel exempted from N1m AK-47 reward in Zamfara

ZAMFARA State government has made clarification with regard to its offer of N1 million reward to anyone who recovers an AK-47 rifle from bandits in the state, saying security personnel were exempted from the reward, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

Speaking at a press confer-

ence organised by the Operation Sharan Daji in Gusau, the state capital, on Tuesday, the Special Adviser to the governor on Media and Public Enlightenment, Ibrahim Dosara, said beneficiaries would not include security operatives.

He said: "The gesture was introduced by the state government as an incentive to

members of the public to assist the security agencies in the recovery of illegal firearms as part of effort to curtail crime and criminal activities in the state."

Dosara said the military, as custodians of arms, was supposed to check and seize all illegal firearms in the hands of individuals and groups in

order to ensure a peaceful and violent free society.

The governor's aide was responding to a question whether military personnel who recently recovered 24 AK-47 rifles from bandits in the state would receive their commensurate reward of N24 million as promised by Governor Abdulaziz Yari.