

service of songs of former head of Interim National Government, Chief Ernest Shikurika, in Lagos, on Tuesday. (NAN)

How I killed tricycle operators, dumped bodies in septic tank —Suspect

THE police command in Plateau State says it has arrested 31-year-old Samson (surname withheld) for allegedly killing tricycle riders and dumping the bodies in a septic tank.

Samson, a father of two and a resident of Kampala in Jos North, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* that he usually chartered the tricycles to particular destinations only to kill the owners.

He claimed that hardship led him into committing the crime.

"I started committing this crime sometime in December 2021. At about 7:00 p.m., I boarded a motorcycle at Agingi to take me to my brother's house located in the area. When we got close to the house, I asked him to drop me.

"Immediately I dropped, I used a stick I hid inside my jacket to hit him behind his head.

"When I made sure he was dead, I dragged him

into my brother's house and dumped him inside the soak away pit (septic tank).

"I took the motorcycle home and used it briefly for commercial purposes but it was not yielding any good money.

"I returned to the same area sometime in January and boarded a tricycle. This time around, when we got to the same spot, I dropped off and used a stick to hit him on the head until he died.

"I deposited his body in the same septic tank and took the tricycle home, I repeated it again after a week and dispossessed a man of his tricycle, but this time, the man fought me hard and left plenty blood marks on the floor.

"After hitting them, I use a polythene bag to wrap their heads to suffocate them and also to prevent blood from dropping on the ground.

"I thereafter pour a chemical inside the septic tank to prevent odour from em-

anating from it which can attract attention.

"I built the house but do not live in it. I rear pigs and dogs in the house. I filled the septic tank with water and covered it.

Samson told *NAN* that each time his wife asked where he got the tricycles, he lied that he either borrowed them or got them on hire purchase.

He said that whenever she tried to question the strange odour he always returned home with, he would beat her up and cause a scene.

At the time of his arrest on January 22, two tricycles, a motorcycle and two military uniforms were recovered from his house.

On the army uniforms found in his possession, the suspect told *NAN* that he bought a pair from a friend and he claimed he got the other when he tried enrolling in the Nigerian Defence Academy some years ago.

The suspect, however, de-

nied using the uniforms to commit any crime.

He added that he owned a drug store some years ago which collapsed and later went into computer programming which failed as well, the events which he said led him into a life of crime.

A resident of the Agingi community who does not want his name disclosed told *NAN* that the elder brother of the suspect found the bodies in the septic tank when he visited the house and raised an alarm.

He said the brother noticed blood trail to the septic tank, which led him to the discovery of the bodies.

He added that the brother also suspected Eze because he did not have a visible means of livelihood yet, spends a lot.

Plateau police public relations officer, Ubah Ogaba, confirmed that the suspect was arrested by the police command for the crime and had been in custody.

The go
of sabot
ated, sta
ment has
to encour
eign inve

Da
sti

Kazeem

THE Ch
rians in
sion (NII
Abike D
ited the
Ebute M
console
of their
boluaje.

Dabiri-
scribed
lullah a
rude sh
informed
sented I
Agbolua
daughte
interven
Ambassa
bassado
case.

The N
that the
given al
inary a
that th