Troops arrest accomplice murderer, foil kidnap of Anglican bishop

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TROOPS of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) have arrested another suspect in connection with the murder of one Mrs Dorathy Jonathan of Afana village in Zango Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, just as the troops also foiled attempts to kidnap an Anglican bishop.

The OPSH operatives had earlier apprehended one Dauda (surname withheld), who confessed to have committed the crime with an accomplice who was then on the run.

Mrs Jonathan was murdered on Friday, September 1, while fetching firewood at Afana village in Zango Kataf council area.

The OPSH, in a statement by its Media Information Officer, Captain Oya James, said: "Following the arrest of Dauda, who confessed to having murdered Mrs Dorathy Jonathan at Afana village in Zango Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, troops have arrested the second suspect, Abubakar (surname withheld), mentioned in the confessional statement obtained from Dauda."

The troops also foiled an attempt to kidnap Bishop Paul Zamani of the Anglican Diocese at Sambak Gida village in Jaba Local Government Area of the state.

Captain James said: "Troops swiftly mobilised to the scene after receiving a distress call and exchanged fire with the kidnappers, who fled with gunshot wounds.

"The commander of Operation Safe Haven, Major General AE Abubakar, commended the general public for providing credible information that led to the arrest of the suspects and foiled the kidnap attempt."