

OPSH raids gunrunners' hideout, officer killed, seven suspects arrested

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AN Assistant Superintendent of Immigration, Christopher Luka Agwom, attached to Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) in Plateau State, has been killed during a raid on a gunrunner hideout in the Fann District of Barkin-Ladi, Plateau State.

This is just as seven suspects were arrested in connection with the incident, arms and ammunition recovered while another four suspects are currently on the run.

Briefing newsmen on Wednesday over the development, the OPSH Media Officer, Major Samson Zhakom, narrated that the tactical team of 3 Division

and Operation SAFE HAVEN, while conducting an operation to recover arms from a gunrunners' hideout at Sangasa Village in Fann District, was attacked in the early hours of July 10, 2024.

He pointed out that during the operation, a member of the team, an immigration officer, Assistant Superintendent of Immigration CL Agwom, was killed by the criminals.

According to him, following the incident, troops conducted a follow-on operation in the district to recover illegal arms, ammunition, and other dangerous weapons, adding that in the course of the operations that lasted for one week, the team arrested seven suspects and recovered both automatic and

locally fabricated weapons as well as different calibers of ammunition from Ratas, Ratoso, and Sangasa Villages, all in Fann District in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State.

Giving the breakdown, the OPSH Media Officer revealed that the following were recovered during the operation: Six AK-47 rifles, twenty fabricated AK-47 rifles, fifteen Dane guns, five AK-47 magazines, and one AK-47 drum magazine with a capacity of 75 rounds.

Others include two hundred and fifty rounds of 7.62 mm (Special), two cartridges, two bottles of gunpowder, one complete pair of military woodland camouflage dress, one pair of military combat boots, two spears, one bow, and eight

arrows.

He stated that the huge recoveries of arms, ammunition, and other dangerous weapons, as well as military uniforms from Fann District in just one week further confirmed that the district is a criminal enclave.

Hence, the false propaganda by miscreants and other misguided persons is merely to divert attention from the large cache of weapons in the hands of unauthorized persons in the district.

Let me therefore seize this opportunity to reiterate that 3 Division and Operation Safe Haven will leave no stone unturned in their quest to mop up illegal arms and ammunition within the Joint Operations Area in line with their mandates."

The OPSH therefore urged the public to continue to collaborate and provide security agencies with credible information that will aid in securing law-abiding citizens in the Joint Operations Area.

He added that four accomplices have been declared wanted.

The 3rd Division and OPSH acknowledged the

courageous and brave efforts of the late Assistant Superintendent of Immigration, Christopher Luka Agwom, who paid the supreme price during the operation adding that the death of the officer had left a vacuum not only for the young widow and three children he left behind but for the entire 3rd Division and Operation Safe Haven.

Niger Delta University final year student killed over N500 levy

THE police command in Bayelsa says it has begun a manhunt for the killers of one Francis Palowei, a final year student of the Niger Delta University (NDU), Amasoma, over N500 levy.

The command's spokesman, ASP Musa Mohammed said on Wednesday in Yenagoa that some youths

justice.

He urged the deceased colleagues to be calm as the command would fish out the killers.

A resident of the community, who pleaded anonymity, said the incident occurred on July 15 and the sand dump was a place where students often go to relax, socialise by

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