

# Command nabs alleged serial killer, others

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**T**HE Katsina State Police Command on Wednesday said it had arrested an alleged wanted notorious serial killer, Basiru Barau, aka *Gojen-Mallam*.

Barau, 25, was said to be a resident of the Tudun Wada area, Funtua, Katsina State.

The command's spokesman, DSP Gambo Isah, who confirmed the arrest, said no fewer than three murder cases had been traced to Barau.

A statement by Isah read, "The Katsina State Police Command wishes to inform the general public that it has succeeded in arresting a wanted notorious serial killer, Basiru Barau, alias *Gojen-Mallam*, of the Tudun Wada area of Funtua, Katsina State.

"The suspect is a notorious member of an unlawful society of social miscreants otherwise known as *Kauraye*. He had

been declared wanted by the command in connection with three homicide cases alleged to have been perpetrated by him and his group.

"On July 30, 2014, the suspect was alleged to have attacked one Atiyu Abubakar, aged 22, of Hayin Low-cost Estate, hacking him to death.

"Also, on July 4, 2017, the suspect was alleged to have attacked one Abubakar Yusuf, aged 22, of Gangaren-Gangariya, Funtua, and hacked him to death.

"Furthermore, on September 7, 2017, one Samaila Idris, aged 20, of BCGA, Funtua, was found in a pool of blood with his legs badly cut and one of his hands amputated behind Sambo Primary School, Funtua.

"The victim was rushed to the General Hospital, Funtua, where he was examined and confirmed dead by a doctor. During police investigation, evidence emerged that *Gojen-Mallam* committed the crime.

Investigations into the case are continuing with a view to tracking down the other fleeing members of the gang."

The police equally announced the arrest of a four-man robbery gang for allegedly terrorising Katsina communities.

The names of the suspects were given as Yusuf Hamisu, aka *Masheka*, 20; Usman Sani, aka *Manuwa*, 19; Yusuf Abdullahi, aka *Sparo*, 19; and Aminu Sa'adu, aka *Fillo*, 25.

The police spokesman said the four suspects were arrested on September 22 by the Federal

Special Anti-Robbery Squad.

Four Infinix handsets, one Blackberry Q-10, one Samsung tab, three Techno handsets, two Nokia phones, one HP laptop, three machetes and a sum of N250,000, were said to have been recovered from the suspects.

## Another driver dies in Ogun crash

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**B**ARELY 24 hours after a commercial bus driver died in a lone accident at the Redemption Camp end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, another driver of a Toyota Sienna has died.

The victim's car reportedly collided with a Volvo truck at Ogbera, along the Ijebu Ode-Ore-Benin Expressway.

The accident was said to have occurred around 8.31am on Wednesday, while the Toyota Sienna was believed to have been used for commercial

purpose.

Our correspondent gathered that the driver of the Toyota Sienna with number plate, AGL 141 EL, drove against the traffic and had a head-on collision with the Volvo truck with number plate, FKJ 27 XT, which was on the right lane.

The Toyota Sienna was said to have been loaded with frozen poultry products.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the corpse of the victim had been deposited at the mortuary of the state General

Hospital, Ijebu Ode.

He said, "Our operatives at the scene of the accident said the driver of the Toyota Sienna drove against the traffic and rammed into a Volvo truck which was on the right lane.

"The driver, who was the only one in the car, died instantly due to the impact of the collision."

Akinbiyi urged motorists to always obey highway codes in order to curb road crashes.

He said, "Why should someone drive against the traffic? It is a breach of the highway codes and is unacceptable."