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A 39-year-old man, Amobi Ilona, has been arraigned before a magistrate's court in Ikeja, Lagos State, for allegedly defiling his 13-year-old housemaid in the Ishashi area of the state.

Ilona was arraigned on one count of defilement by the police.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Ilona

Man defiles 13-year-old Lagos housemaid

Ojoma Kizito

and his wife had adopted the victim to help them take care of their newborn baby.

It was said that when the wife discovered that her husband was

sleeping with the girl, she took her to a hospital and reported to the police.

The police prosecutor, Imhonwa Simeon, told the court that the suspect defiled the victim in his house on Awawu Street, Ishashi, Lagos.

The charge read, "That you, Amobi Ilona, sometime in July 2017, on Awawu Street, Ishashi, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully defile a 13-year-old girl, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 137 of the Criminal

Law of Lagos, 2015."

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The presiding magistrate, B.O. Osusanmi granted him bail in the sum of N500,000 with two responsible sureties in like sum and adjourned the matter till January 25, 2017.

Army

Olaleye Aluko
with agency report

THERE was confusion in Chibok community, Borno State, on Sunday after a staff sergeant in the Nigerian Army, Silas Ninyo, shot dead a captain, four civilians and himself during an altercation.

Our correspondent learnt that Ninyo killed the captain, identified only as Mani, and the four others when he (Ninyo) was allegedly ordered by Mani to stop beating some civilians at a checkpoint.

According to an online medium, Sahara Reporters, which got the army's situation report on the incident, the captain was providing security for worshippers during a church service when he received a distress call that Ninyo (93NA/36/2608) was beating up some civilians for some unknown reasons.

Our correspondent gathered that Mani (NA/14430) scolded the sergeant, freed the civilians and attempted to disarm Ninyo.

The later was said to have shot the captain dead before killing the four civilians.

He then shot himself in the head.

sergeant kills captain, four others, self in Borno

The corpses of the soldiers were reportedly taken to a military hospital in Yola, Adamawa State.

A reliable source in Chibok on Sunday confirmed the incident to our correspondent,

noting that the army was investigating it.

The source said, "I can confirm that the shooting took place. I know Silas

(Ninyo) and Mani very well. They were very close in that formation. I don't know what would have caused the altercation. I am still

trying to speak to their boss, a Major, to ascertain what really went wrong. The army is investigating the incident."

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig. Gen. Sani Usman, could not be reached for comment on the incident as of press time.

He also had yet to reply

to a text message sent to his phone as of press time.

Meanwhile, two army lieutenants, identified simply as I.M. Akanni and S.E. Ayo, were killed in a road accident on Gwagwalada-Zuba Road in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Our correspondent learnt that the accident occurred on Saturday at about 10.30pm and the corpses of the officers

had been deposited in the morgue of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in Gwagwalada.

It was gathered that Akanni (N/15752) and Ayo (N/16164), were attached to the 176 Guards Battalion, Keffi, Nasarawa State, and a memo of the incident was done to the Nigerian Army Guards Brigade headquarters, Abuja.



• Captain Mani

Photo: Sahara Reporters

We kidnap to become wealthy —Suspect

Success Nwogu,
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ONE of six suspected kidnapers, Abubakar Tambaya, who was paraded by the Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lawan Ado, said he went into kidnapping with his gang to become wealthy.

He, however, claimed that he was co-opted by his accomplices into kidnapping.

The 29-year-old Oro-Ago, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State indigene said he regretted his action.

The other suspects are Majuma Shehu, Mamman Lawal, Usman Umar, Babuga Umar and Abubakar Juli.



• The suspects

Photo: Success Nwogu

Tambaya said "These barrelled guns, seven col