The petition further alleged that the same officer had, on April 30, 2016, while in charge of a police outpost in Kem village, in the Shelleng Local Government Area of the state, killed four people suspected of committing robbery.

"If such act is not checked, it will continue to spread and eventually Nigeria will be unsafe for its citizens," the petition added.

Spokesman for the command, Othman Abubakar, said the policeman had been arrested and detained as investigation continued into the case.