

NSCDC arrests suspected killers of Nasarawa monarch

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THE Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in Nasarawa State has said it has arrested the suspected kidnappers in connection with the killing of the traditional ruler of the Odu community in the Udege Local Council Development Area of the state.

Gunmen had recently invaded the community and killed the monarch, Amos Obere.

The Commandant of the NSCDC in the state, Dr Muhammad Fari, who paraded the suspects on Wednesday in Lafia, said they were arrested in Loko town in the Nasarawa Local Government Area of the state as a result of intelligence gathered about their activities.

He said three others suspected armed robbers paraded alongside with the alleged killers of the traditional ruler were apprehended for terrorising the state, adding that as soon as the command completed its investigation, the suspects would be charged.

The NSCDC boss said four suspected kidnappers were arrested on Tuesday, while two others were picked up on Wednesday.

Fari stated, "We arrested six



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suspected kidnappers, who have been terrorising not only the local government area, but the entire Nasarawa State.

"To our greatest surprise, the suspects confessed that they had killed countless number of innocent persons in the state, including the father of a lecturer in the Department of Accounting, Nasarawa State University, Keffi."

According to the commandant, the suspects killed the lecturer's father, abducted his mother and sister, and demanded N600m as ransom.

He revealed that the suspects also confessed to have murdered the traditional ruler of Odu.

Speaking to our correspondent, one of the suspects, Tenimu Okaku, 35, confessed to have committed the crime, attributing it to the work of the devil.

"So far, I have killed several innocent persons in the state. I also

killed some people in Husini in the Udege development area of the state, because one of my brothers was killed by some persons in the area," Okaku stated.

The lecturer, whose father was killed by the suspects, said the incident happened on December 17, 2018.

He said, "I was in Keffi when I received the shocking news that my father had been murdered by gunmen."

"The gunmen invaded my father's residence at Udege and killed him because he came outside to rescue my mother; after the payment of N600,000, they went ahead and kidnapped my mother and sister, and demanded N600m as ransom."

Another suspect, Muhammed Musa, confessed to killing the lecturer's father and pleaded for mercy with a promise that he would never be involved in kidnapping again.