

# Four Kwara teenagers nabbed over alleged rape, murder of Fulani woman

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**F**OUR Teenagers have been arrested by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps over the alleged rape and murder of a Fulani woman in Esie, Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The victim, whose name was given as Aishat Sanni, was allegedly raped to death on Friday, April 2, 2021 at a farm in Esie by one of the suspects identified as Sodiq Adams, 19.

Other suspects arrested with Adams, according to the Public Relations Officer of the NSCDC, Kwara State Command, Babawale Afolabi, are Rasaq Rasheed, 16; Lukman Quadri, 15; and Billiaminu Qayum, 16.

The NSCDC revealed that the suspects allegedly said they caught two Fulani women on a farm in the community stealing cashew nuts, but one of them escaped, while the other was arrested.

Investigation revealed that Adams, who is the principal suspect, in order to have carnal knowledge of the victim, directed the three others to give the other woman, who escaped, a hot chase while he carried out his



• The suspects

nefarious action.

It was gathered that while Adams was trying to rape the woman, she bit him in the hand and inflicted other injuries on him, while her neck beads also scattered at the scene of the crime.

The NSCDC said in a statement that the deceased was reported missing on April 2, 2021 by one Alhaji Musa Waziri, Secretary of the Fulani and Bororo at the Esie/Ijan outpost of the corps, adding that her body was later discovered on April 3, 2021 in the bush around 8.30am half naked and with cuts all over her body.

The statement said, "Three out of the suspects namely; Rasaq Rasheed, Lukman Quadri and Billiaminu Qoyum, confirmed in their statements that the prime suspect, Sodiq Adams, arrested a Bororo woman for allegedly stealing cashew nuts but she later escaped.

"Investigation revealed that Sodiq Adams convinced the other three suspects to run after the second Bororo woman, who ran away, so that he could have carnal knowledge of the one arrested.

"In the process of trying to rape the deceased, he was bitten in the left arm and bruises were inflicted on his neck by the late Aishat.

deceased, confirmed that she was captured by the prime suspect, Sodiq Adams.

The NSCDC said the case was later transferred to the homicide section of the Nigeria Police adding, "On getting to the scene of the crime with the prime suspect, some facts emerged; "The place where the late Aishat sanni was killed was in full of her neck beads; and the clothes that Sodiq Adams wore were still with blood."

Babawale Afolabi, who said that the case had been transferred to the police said the command would carry out the prosecution of the suspects.

"Investigation further revealed that the other victim, who escaped, when asked about the whereabouts of the

## Benue police rescue 13-year-old girl from abductors, arrest two

John Charles, Makurdi

**M**EN of the Benue State Police Command have rescued a 13-year-old girl, who was kidnapped on Easter Sunday in the Kwande Local Government Area of the state.

The suspected kidnapers were said to have abducted the victim from her father's house opposite the NKST Church, Akpera in Adikpo, headquarters of the local government council around midnight on Sunday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that as soon as men of the Operation Zenda were informed about the abduction, they swung into action and combed the forest from where they rescued her.

A police source told our correspondent that the policemen also arrested one of the suspects, identified as Vershima Sunday, of Mbawer community in the council



• Benue CP, Audu Madaki area.

Also arrested was one Grace Yaaor, who hid the arrested kidnapper.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Vershima and four other members of the kidnap syndicate engaged the operatives in a gun duel.

The source stated, "One of the suspects, Vershima Sunday, was arrested while four others fled; also, one motorcycle suspected to have been used by the hoodlums was recovered by the operatives, who also apprehended one Grace Yaaor for

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Public Relations Officer, Federal Capital Territory, Mariam Yusuf, in a terse text message said the command was investigating the matter.

"We are investigating ma," she stated.