

Army parades Plateau murder suspects, gunrunners

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Federal troops in charge of maintaining peace in Plateau State otherwise known as Operation Safe Haven, have paraded a total of eight suspects for gun manufacturing, murder, and arson.

The Media Information Officer of OPSH, Captain Oya James, said after a weeklong intelligence operation, a wanted gunrunner among the suspects, Napoleon John, was arrested.

He added that the suspect when arrested, later led troops to a concealed factory where arms of different caliber were sold by another miscreant, Monday Dunia who confessed to having been in the business for more than five years.

"Another two suspects were arrested for their involvement in the killing of a herder following a reprisal attack by locals over the killing of a farmer at Gora town.

"While two suspects Hassan Mato and Ahmad Khalifa were arrested for attacking and burning Saint Raphael Catholic Church at Fadan Kamantan village in Zango Kataf LGA of Kaduna State, killing a seminarian Naaman Stephen Ngophe while Reverend Father Emmanuel Okolo and Noah

Monday were rescued during the attack by troops.

"A total of 31 different calibre of weapons were recovered from the suspects including three AK 47 rifles, five fabricated AK 47 rifles, one pump action rifle, and 10 locally fabricated pistols. Others include eight fabricated revolvers rifles and three locally fabricated submachine guns," he said.

Hospital releases withheld baby after cleric pays medical bill

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A popular cleric and philanthropist, Apostle Chibuzor Chinyere, has cleared the medical bill of the baby seized by a private maternity home in the Ikoku axis of Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The General Overseer of Omega Power Ministries in Port Harcourt disclosed this in a statement signed by his media aide, Kenneth Nwachi, on Friday.

According to the statement, Chinyere was approached by the young lady identified as Miss Ekenam James, crying that her baby was taken from her by the hospital management after she delivered the baby girl but was unable to pay the

properties. They equally made video footage of the compound and the domestic staff.

"While making the videos, they threatened to mastermind more terrors. They came with guns, and explosives like locally made bombs and dynamites. The staff luckily escaped before they set the building on fire," the source said.

When contacted, the state spokesperson for the police, Henry Okoye, said it had commenced an investigation into the case.

N15,000 hospital bill.

The statement read, "When my ADC confronted the owner of the maternity demanding for the release of the child to her mother, but the owner of the hospital said the girl delivered in her maternity and was billed N15, 000 which she was unable to pay.

"As a result, the baby was seized from her pending when she pays. So my ADC put a call to me and I transferred the N15,000 so the baby could be released. For two hours my ADC begged the maternity owner, but she refused to produce the baby. "So when my ADC identified himself as a police officer, saying he would go to the nearest police station to invite his fellow policemen. That was when she became afraid and started making calls and the baby was brought back."

The statement further said the cleric has moved the mother and child to the OPM rehabilitation centre where homeless and street girls are rehabilitated and taught different vocational skills.

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