

Army arrests alleged cop

James Abraham

TROOPS of Operation Safe Haven have arrested a man, Alhaji Yakubu Shanano, for allegedly killing a Mobile Police officer in Plateau State.

It was learnt that the police officer attached to the military task force in charge of maintaining peace was killed in Bokkos Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesman for the military taskforce, Captain Oya James, who confirmed the arrest in a statement on Tuesday, said he was arrested alongside 14 other suspects for various criminal activities including kidnapping and drug peddling.

The statement read, "Troops of Operation Safe Haven on Operation HAKORIN DAMISA IV from November 6 to 13, 2023, arrested 15 suspects in connection with kidnapping, murder, arms dealing, criminal attacks, cattle rustling, drug peddling, farm

destruction, as well as recovered arms/ammunition and illicit drugs.

"On November 6, 2023, troops arrested Jerome Bulus Alamba and Denis Yohanna at Fang village in Riyom LGA of Plateau State, in connection with the murder of one Abdulkarim Saidu on October 24, 2023.

"In a similar incident, on November 7, 2023, troops of Sector 5 OPSH arrested one Alhaji Yakubu Shanano in Bokkos community, Bokkos LGA of Plateau State in connection with the killing of a Mobile Police personnel attached to OPSH. On the same day, troops apprehended 75 cows for farm destruction at Kassa village in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State.

"On November 8, 2023, troops in conjunction with the NDLEA, Pankshin Command, conducted raid operations to the hideout of illicit drug peddlers at Bargar village in Kanam LGA of Plateau State. The troops arrested four



•Commander, Safe Haven Operations, Plateau State, Major General, AE Abubakar. Photo: File

suspects and handed them over to the NDLEA for further action. Additionally, on November 9, 2023, troops of Operation HAKORIN DAMISA IV arrested two criminals, Haruna Yusuf and Zubairu Jibril, while trying to bypass troops' checkpoint at Chanso village in Mangu LGA of

Plateau State. The criminals were arrested in possession of one rifle.

"On November 10, 2023, troops acting on credible information arrested a suspected kidnapper, Mr Sani Suleiman, at Mista Ali village in Jos North LGA. On the same day, troops deployed at Zangon Kataf

killer, 14 suspect in Plateau

arrested a suspected kidnapper, Mr Anu Usman, at Kamaru village in Zangon Kataf LGA of Kaduna State. Similarly, troops recovered 144 cows rustled by unidentified gunmen during a gun duel with the miscreants at Sat village in Bokkos LGA of Plateau State.

On November 11, 2023, troops of Sector 6 OPSH rescued two kidnapped victims, Micheal James and John D, at Angwan Buka village in Riyom LGA of Plateau State. The rescued victims were kidnapped while on transit along Hawan Kibo Road in Riyom LGA, and have since been reunited with their families.

"On November 12, 2023, combined troops of OPSH and Department of State Services arrested a notorious arms dealer, Bala Inusa, also known as Maigero in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State. The suspect who has been on the wanted list of security agencies was arrested with one AK-47 rifle, one Ak-47

magazine, one pistol, 417 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one Toyota Starlet vehicle with number plate, Adamawa – MUB – 779JB, and one dual SIM Tecno phone. Furthermore, another gunrunner was arrested during a sting operation on November 12, 2023 at Danmakasuwa Mariri axis of Southern Kaduna with one AK-47 rifle.

"Similarly, on November 12, 2023, troops of OPSH Special Force while responding to a distress call at Dakanung village in Bokkos LGA of Plateau State, arrested one miscreant, Bala Yerima, and items recovered include: one AK-47 rifle, one AK-47 magazine, six rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and a red coloured Boxer motorcycle.

In a related development,

based on intelligence gathering, troops captured one Davou Barry of Gyel District at Kara Market of Bukuru Area of Jos South LGA with 54 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition one round of 7.62mm NATO ammunition while trying to make an exchange.

"Within the week, Operation Safe Haven secured the conviction of two suspects, Zubairu Usman and Saminu Haruna, who were charged with criminal conspiracy and theft. The suspects pleaded guilty and were sentenced to two years imprisonment each with an option of fine.

"A total of 15 suspects were arrested in connection with the various crimes. Two were arrested for kidnapping, one for dealing in arms, two for murder, four for peddling illicit drugs and

four for farm destruction. Two suspects were also convicted for criminal acts. Additionally, two kidnapped victims were rescued, four attacks on vulnerable communities were deterred and seven distress calls were promptly responded to."

The statement reiterated the commitment of the Operation Safe Haven led by its Commander, Major General AE Abubakar, to the protection of law-abiding citizens in Plateau, Kaduna and Bauchi states by all legitimate means.

It commended the populace for their continued support to the troops and assured them that all arrested suspects in custody would be charged to court accordingly once investigations had been duly concluded.

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Gbenga Oloniniran
and Naomi Chima



doctor that Ali was brought in dead."

A resident in the area, Bode