

Son to face trial for allegedly killing father in Plateau

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A 29-year-old man, Joseph Yakubu, has been arrested by the Plateau State Police Command for killing his father, Yakubu Dalyop with a pestle.

Yakubu was said to have picked a pounding pestle and hit his father during a disagreement which led to his unconsciousness and eventual death.

The suspect who committed the act in the Anglo-Jos community, Jos South Local Government Area of the state was among several other suspects paraded for various offences on Tuesday by the state Commissioner of Police, Hassan Yabanet at the Command's headquarters in Jos.

According to the Commissioner, "On 20/02/2024

at about 6pm, information was received at the Anglo-Jos division by a good Samaritan that on 15/02/2024 at about 8pm, one Joseph Yakubu, male, 29yrs of Kambel Anglo-Jos had minor misunderstanding with his father, one Yakubu Dalyop aged 49yrs.

"As a result, the son took a pounding pestle and hit the father on the head. The father

became unconscious and was rushed to Plateau State Specialist Hospital for medical attention. Unfortunately, he died on 19/02/2024 at about 1pm while receiving treatment. The suspect has been arrested while the corpse was deposited at the Same hospital mortuary. case is under investigation, and the suspect will be charged to court upon conclusion of the

case."

The Commissioner who was recently deployed to Plateau state added that after studying the security situation bedevilling the state, he had designed a new workable operational template for the Command to flush out criminals from their nests across the state.

He said the application of the new operational strategies within

few weeks in office had started yielding positive results with the massive arrest of criminals paraded for various offences including criminal conspiracy, trespass, disturbance of public peace, kidnapping and culpable homicide

He assured the people of adequate protection of their lives and property while soliciting their support and cooperation to achieve the objective

"I want to appreciate the Inspector General of Police, IGP Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, PhD, NPM for the manpower, material and equipment support given to the Plateau State Command in this operation.

"We equally want to salute his Excellency, the Executive Governor of Plateau State, Barrister Caleb Mutfwang, for all the support given to the Police in the ongoing operation in Plateau State. I also want to appreciate the synergy between the Police and other security agencies in Plateau State," the Commissioner concluded.

records 22 road crash deaths in two months —FRSC

The PUNCH had reported that the FRSC Corps Marshal, Dauda Biu, said a total of 5,081 people were killed in various road traffic crashes across the country in 2023.

Biu had noted that 10,617 road traffic crashes were recorded and 31,874 were injured stressing that the figures represented a significant reduction in road crashes, fatalities, and injuries compared to the data recorded in 2022.



• Lagos FRSC boss, Farinloye

Babatunde noted that speeding was the primary cause of road crashes in the state and urged drivers to exercise patience while driving on the expressway.

He added that FRSC officers are committed to apprehending reckless drivers and restoring order on Lagos highways.

He said, "The major cause of the accident is speeding. Some motorists drive above their limit, and it is likely to lead to an accident. Three things can be

linked to accidents: the human factor, the mechanical factor, and the vehicle factor.

"Other factors include disregard for traffic rules, underage driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol consumption, rickety vehicles, are the cause of accidents on Lagos Highway because of poor maintenance."

He added that a mobile court has been arranged to arraign any driver caught driving recklessly in

the State.

"We are going to arrest and prosecute such vehicles when we see them on the road. It is the function of the vehicle inspection officer to check vehicles, but the FRSC performs the free vehicle check. If a vehicle is arrested, it is whatever the court says that is final. There is a mobile court in Lagos for prosecution but prosecution does not mean you will go to court at all costs," he concluded.