

BQ126 JJJ, Toyota Lexus SL car, DV67
EKY, Mercedes Benz car S/L BS532
FST, Nissan S/L car, AA231 LND and
Volkswagon LT mini-bus XN15KTU.

• Suspects

Police arrest 15 suspected cultists over murder in Ogun

FROM SEGUN OLATUNJI,
ABEOKUTA

Police in Ogun State have arrested 15 suspected cultists alleged to have killed Mr. Gbenga Kofoworola in the university town of Ago-Iwoye.

Also, three members of a kidnap syndicate involved in the abduction of a 97-year-old grandfather, Pa Amos Samaye in Ogbere are in police net.

Dangerous weapons and other exhibits such as two guns, one sword and assorted charms as well as paraphernalia of the cult group, were recovered from the suspects.

Parading the suspects yesterday at the command headquarters, Eleweran, Abeokuta, Commissioner of Police, Mr. Valentine Ntomchukwu, said the suspects, who were members of the Aye Confraternity and led by one Opeyemi Banjoko (a.k.a Oppy) on June 17 killed Kofoworola, who is also alleged to belong to rival Eye Confraternity.

Ntomchukwu said six of the suspects were initially arrested by the detectives attached to the Ago-Iwoye Division.

The police boss listed the six suspects to include Gbenga Adeoye, Ifaseyi Adeoye,

Animashaun Oluwafemi, Tosin Lanlege, Opeyemi Ogunnowo and Moses Akinniyi.

He said that the arrested suspects confessed to belonging to the Aye Confraternity and to the crime.

He said further investigations led to the arrest of the nine others allegedly involved in the crime. They include Oluwaseun Dalamu, Ahmed Idowu, Dare Alaba, Azeez Alimi, Biodun Yinusa, Muba Salimi, Sunday Folorunsho, Ovie Konjo and Dare Adeoye.

Also, the police have arrested three suspected kidnappers alleged to have

abducted the 97-year-old grandfather, Pa Samaye.

According to the commissioner, the nonagenarian, who lives alone with his grandson, was kidnapped in his house in Isire Village near Ogbere by four armed men who took him to an unknown destination.

He said following the arrest of one of the suspects, Emeka Obi who had attempted to collect the N2million ransom demanded, the victim was rescued from the Aye Forest on June 16 where he had been held for four days.

3 abductors seized

FROM ROSE EJEMBI, MAKURDI.

Benue State Police Command has arrested three suspects including an alleged military deserter, Lance Corporal Joseph Emeka over the kidnap of a housewife, Mrs. Suswam Audu, a resident of Makurdi, the state capital.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Austin Ezeani, said the other two

suspects are Oscar Ezeala and a patent medicine dealer, Sunday Emeka.

The PPRO said that the suspects had last week kidnapped the housewife near her Toyota residence behind the modern market while returning from church. They snatched her Siena bus and forced her in the back seat at gunpoint.

Ezeani said witnesses of the crime had raised the alarm and contacted the police who pursued the kidnappers. They released the housewife at Wurukum