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Police arrest 76 suspects over murder, kidnapping, others in Borno

From **Timothy Olanrewaju**,
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THE police in Borno have arrested 76 suspects in connection with killings, armed robbery, kidnapping, rape, theft and other criminal acts in the state.

Commissioner of Police, Abdul Umar, while briefing newsmen at the police headquarters in Maiduguri, yesterday, said the command adopted a technologically based policing system to nab most of the suspects

within a month.

"In the last one month, the Command has made a breakthrough in the fight against crimes and criminality in the State," he disclosed.

2 masquerades nabbed over stealing money in Ondo

From **Bamigbola Gbolagunfe**, Akure

TWO masquerades identified as Sheriff Ojo and Muhammad Lukman have been apprehended for allegedly stealing 370,000.00.

The two masquerades were also alleged to have inflicted injuries on one Adinoyi Mohammed, the owner of the money.

He said the suspects were arrested on various offences ranging from murder, culpable homicide, criminal conspiracy, rape, armed robbery, kidnapping, possession of

dangerous weapons, theft, forgery and currency faking, among others.

Reacting to the killing of a head teacher by unknown assailants, last Monday, in Maiduguri,

the police chief said three suspects had been arrested in connection with the incident.

He said preliminary investigations showed the deceased head teacher, Abubakar Umar, had issues with some young men over his attempt to sanitise the security situation at Asheik Jar'ma Model Primary School in Maiduguri, before he was stabbed to death early Monday.

He said all the suspects would be charged to court after the completion of investigation and assured the people of police readiness to halt activities of criminals in the state.

The two suspects allegedly carried out the dastardly act at Ipele in Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Funmi Odulami, confirmed the incident.

She said the two suspects committed the offence at the Melenge area of Ipele.

She said that "the two suspects paraded themselves as masquerades, inflicted injury

with cutlasses on one Adinoyi Mohammed and dispossessed him of N370,000.00, a handset valued at N32,000.00 and a shirt valued N2,500.00.

"They also inflicted injury on the victim's father, Saliu Ajayi. Two cutlasses, charms and masquerade clothes were recovered from them.

"The two suspects have been arrested and will soon be charged to court," she added.