

# Gunmen behead Ondo TESCOCOM director

## • Murder NSCDC officer, abduct 3 others in Ekiti

From **Priscilla Ediare**,  
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**THE** Police in Ondo State has confirmed the killing of Mr Gbenga Olofinmoyegun, a director in the Ondo State Teaching Service Commission (TESCOM), who was declared missing last Thursday.

The command spokesperson, Funmilayo Odunlami, who made the disclosure in Akure, yesterday, said the mutilated body of the director was found on Saturday, in Akure. She said the deceased was identified by some people through the suit he wore before he went missing.

"Yesterday afternoon, somebody called to inform us that a decomposing body was found at Saint Theresa, close to St. Peter in Akure.

When the police got there to remove the body, some people came around and identified him as 'the director we have been searching for in the past three days'.

"It was his suit they used to identify him, but his head had been cut off, and his chest ripped open, while his intestine was removed," Odunlami said.

The police spokesperson said investigation was continuing, to unravel the circumstances behind the killing of the director.

"Investigation has started, his phone was left behind and some other things, too. So, we are going to work with what we have, to know if he had issues with anybody.

"And, maybe, its a ritual case; but it is an investigation that will reveal all these," the PPRO said.

Also, gunmen suspected to be kidnappers have killed an operative of the Nigerian

Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Segun Ayebulu, while he was traveling on Saturday evening, along Oke Ako-Irele road in Ekiti State.

Ayebulu was said to have met his untimely death, having been hit by bullets in the head and chest, when gunmen fired gunshots at the vehicle conveying him. After shooting the NSCDC officer dead, the gunmen also kidnapped three people and whisked them off to an unknown place.

Irele Ekiti located in Ajoni Local Council Development

Area of Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State, is a border town between Ekiti and Kwara States.

Recounting the unfortunate incident to journalists, yesterday, via telephone conversation, a prominent politician from the area, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the incident happened between 6:30pm and 7pm on Saturday.

The politician confirmed to newsmen that three other occupants of the vehicle conveying the deceased operative

were kidnapped at gunpoint, and their whereabouts were yet to be known.

He said the gunmen shot sporadically to stop the vehicle and the victim was said to have been hit by bullets in the head and chest, when the driver was making effort to escape the dangerous scene.

The source revealed that some farmers, who were returning from their farms to Oke-Ako, were said to have abandoned their bicycles and motorcycles and fled into the bush, having been terrified by the sporadic gunshots.

The NSCDC Public Relations Officer, Ekiti State Com-

mand, Tolu Afolabi, confirmed that the man was traveling to his town in Ogbe, Yagba West Local Government Area of Kogi State, when his vehicle was attacked by the gunmen.

"I can confirm to you that we lost one of our operatives on Saturday to some gunmen who fired gunshots at his vehicle, while traveling to his Ogbe country home in Kogi State," he said.

Afolabi said his men and officers, in collaboration with the police and local hunters, have started combing the sprawling forest between Kwara and Ekiti border, with the intent to arrest the perpetrators.

## Troops kill over 200 insurgents in Borno

**TROOPS** of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have reportedly killed over 200 fighters of Boko Haram, including five of its commanders in Borno.

A counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zazola Makama, who made the disclosure, said air task force troops of 199 Special Forces Battalion and 222 Battalion, in an operation, had targeted the terrorists' hideouts in Gabchari, Sheruri, Mantari and Mallum Masari, villages in Bama LGA of Borno.

He said an early damage assessment confirmed the successful operation which led to the elimination of five Boko Haram commanders including; Abou Hauwa, Amir Shettima, Akura Buri, Abou Zainab, Abou Idris and their fighters.

Another account said the air task force, in a joint attack with ground troops, deployed two Super Tucano jets, which resulted in the killing of 70 Boko Haram fighters with many who tried to flee drowning in a river.

"Similar strikes were also

undertaken at Sheruri when the combat aircraft attacked another location of fighters deployed to stage an ambush against their own ground troops," a source was quoted as saying.

"In another separate encounter with the terrorists during the robust fighting pa-

trol, the troops succeeded in eliminating another scores of insurgents in the axis of Mantari after a gun battle which lasted for about two and half hours. In Gazuwa, the troops destroyed two vehicles and the home of Abou Ikililima, which used to be a hideout of insurgent leaders. Other makeshift

tents and properties belonging to terrorists were also destroyed.

"Additional nine bodies were recovered around the bushes in Gaizuwa, among them were two Boko Haram Commanders, including Abou Zainab and Abou Idris.

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## Neutralise 3 bandits, recover weapons in Kaduna

From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

**SOLDIERS** on anti banditry operations in the Northwest part of the country have killed three bandits and recovered two AK 47 rifles.

The soldiers from 1 Division, Nigerian Army, in their determination to wipe out banditry and terrorism also recovered nine magazines, seven Baofeng communication radios, one Tecno mobile phone, 120 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition, one power generator and one motorcycle from the criminals.

Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier Gen-

eral Onyema Nwachukwu, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the soldiers encountered the terrorists along Sabon Birni, Dogondawa-Kuyelo of Kaduna State.

The statement reads: "In sustained operations to clear the North West of banditry and terrorism, troops of 1 Division, Nigerian Army, have, again, neutralised bandits and terrorists, along Sabon Birni, Dogondawa-Kuyelo and Farin Ruwa, on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

"The dogged and highly motivated troops, while on a fighting patrol, came in contact with an unconfirmed

number of bandits. The troops, in the ensuing shoot out, eliminated three of the terrorists and recovered two AK 47 rifles, nine magazines, seven Baofeng communication radios, one Tecno mobile phone, 120 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition, one power generator and a motorcycle."

Meanwhile, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant General Faruk Yahaya, has commended the troops for their gallantry and urged them not to relent until banditry is eradicated in the region.

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