

Ogun: Police arrest 35 for robbery, cultism, murder

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Police in Ogun State yesterday paraded 35 suspects arrested in connection with crimes ranging from armed robbery to cultism and murder.

Six locally-made guns, 37 live ammunition, a cutlass, a battle axe and assorted charms, among others, were recovered from the suspects who were arrested at different locations across the state.

The state Commissioner of Police, Kenneth Ebrimson, paraded the suspected criminals at the Police Command Headquarters, Eleweran, Abeokuta.

Among the suspects is Ismaila Adesanwo (30), who had been on police wanted list for alleged murder in 2018 in Ijebu-Igbo and had been on the run since.

"On the 24th of August 2018, policemen from Ijebu-Igbo received a report from Mrs. Mosunmola Ogunleye of No. 4, Itooro Street, Ijebu-Igbo, that her husband, Olusegun, who came to visit her in her shop, was shot by one Ismaila Adesanwo and he died on the spot while the culprit dropped his gun and took to flight.

"Since then, the suspect has been on the wanted list of the command. On the 11th of June, 2020, the command received information that the suspect has been sighted somewhere in Ogijo. He was subsequently traced and appre-

hended," the commissioner said.

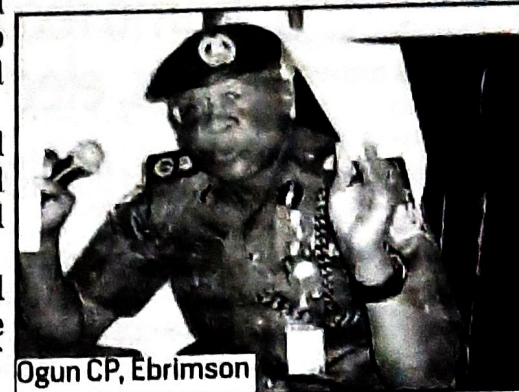
Ebrimson, who decried the proliferation of illegal arms in the state, asked possessors of such weapons to surrender them to the police within two weeks or risk the wrath of the law.

He declared that at the expiration of the two-week window, his command would embark on massive mop-up operations and clampdown on illegal arms and ammunition.

The police boss also warned against rape, saying anyone arrested for such crime would be prosecuted accordingly.

According to him, the command has rolled out its arsenal to displace all criminally minded persons out of the state.

Ebrimson noted that the command's tactical teams in collaboration with the Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) and Area Commanders have intensified aggressive patrol across the state in an effort to give criminals a run for their money.



Ogun CP, Ebrimson

Enugu LG Chair, Omeje, dies

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Omeje

Residents of Enugu were yesterday thrown into mourning following the death of the Chairman of Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, Hon Patrick Omeje.

Though the details of his death were still sketchy, the Secretary to Nsukka Local Government Area, Damian Eze, confirmed Omeje's death.

Eze said the chairman died of heart complications on Monday at an undisclosed hospital in the Enugu metropolis.

The deceased was serving his second