

We killed undergraduate for denying us sex - Kidnappers

...say they bought military uniforms in open market

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Operatives of the Force Intelligence Bureau-Intelligence Response Team (FIB-IRT), have arrested 14 self-confessed members of a notorious kidnap gang that have been on its wanted list over series of kidnappings, armed robberies, rape and cattle rustling in the northern region of Nigeria.

The suspects among who are their arms suppliers, revealed how they raped female victims, claiming that they abducted three female students of the Plateau State University raped two of them and killed the third one for refusing to allow them sleep with her.

They also revealed how they bought Military uniforms used during operation, from their contact.

Luck ran against members

of the gang following the arrest of one of them, Abdullahi Abubakar, a.k.a Abdul Lawyer while he was having a meeting with an alleged informant on a planned kidnap operation in Plateau state.

New Telegraph gathered that Abubakar, a herder was once arrested and detained at Bokkos Divisional Police headquarters for the offence of criminal conspiracy, armed robbery, cattle rustling and kidnapping. But unknown to the policemen, one of his gang members posed as a prominent person, to effect his release on bail.

During interrogation, Abubakar revealed that he was introduced to kidnapping by one Iliyasu Saidu, a.k.a. Yellow and Sky brother. He gave identities of other members of his gang as: Iliyasu Saidu (a.k.a. Yellow), Badamosi Ardo Yakubu, Sky Bokkos, Zaki Bokkos, Yakubu Joshua Bokkos and Annas Iliya,

all of them living and operating from Bokkos, Plateau State.

He said: 'I have participated in an uncountable number of armed robberies in all the villages around Bokkos, Mangu and others in Jos.

'We have six AK47 rifles, and some of us use to appear in Nigeria Army uniforms which we bought from one IK in Daffo village for N20,000 each. We also have a tailor that sewed the uniform for us in Bokkos.

'We have someone who supplies arms to us. He is Alli Ibrahim. I bought one AK47 rifle from him for N370,000. For the ammunition, a 30- round was sold by one Yakubu Joshua for N30,000, sometimes it could be N160,000, depending on one's power of bargain.'

Recovered from the gang members are: One Indian-made AK47 rifles with 23 rounds of live ammunition, two locally-made AK47 rifles with ten 10 rounds



The kidnap suspects

of live ammunition, one locally-made SMG Gun together with 33 rounds of 9mm live ammunition, one locally-made G3 gun and two locally-made Barreta pistols.

Leader of the gang Iliyasu Saidu (a.k.a. Yellow) said, 'I am a secondary school dropout. I stopped going to school because there was no one to pay my school fees, I have been arrested by police before for criminal conspiracy, armed robbery, cattle rustling and kidnapping. The case was charged to court, and I was in prison yard for 3 weeks.

'My parents and one lawyer came to the prison yard and secured my release that time. I continued doing criminal activities with my gang members when I came out of prison.'

Another member of the gang, 23-years old Abdullahi Abubakar, AKA Lawyer also confessed to have participated in various

criminal operations in different states in the northern parts of Nigeria, especially in Plateau State.

The suspect confessed that, 'We kidnapped one Challa in Bokkos. This work was given to us by Yakubu Joshua. We took the victim to Mangar Forest where he spent one day and a ransom of N700,000 was collected before he was released. I got N75,000 as my own share.'

Others arrested members of the gang are: Annas Iliya, Isah Umar, Hassan Shaibu, Alli Ibrahim, Ishaya Dawoud, Ugwujoke Ikechukwu.

Confirming the story, the Force Police Public Relations Officer (FPRO), CSP Muiyiwa Adejobi, commended the operatives of the IRT for working in consonance with the vision and plan of the IGP Usman Baba Alkali to make all parts of Nigeria safe for all citizens.

ATBU Shops Inferno: We've lost everything, traders cry out

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The affected traders of the recent inferno that razed many shops at the Yelwa Campus of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi State, have carried out and appealed to the school management, governments and private individuals to come to their aid and assist them over the tragedy.

two security guard to get help from the University Fire Unit for rescue was fruitless due to poor condition of the fire vehicle on the campus.

Similarly, other efforts at the Federal Polytechnic, state polytechnic and state own fire services for assistance also failed as no single vehicle was in good condition to come for the rescue.

'It's very unfortunate that all the fire vehicles in our tertiary institutions are not in good condition to offer assistance on an emergency situation like this.'

the trader's and called on the school authority to wake up to its responsibilities, because the situation is very sad, considering the position of the institution as one of the third university generation in the country and yet they don't have an active fire vehicle on the campus.

All efforts to get the reaction of the ATBU management for clearance over allegations of faulty vehicles proved abortive as at the time of filling this report.