

Man slits okadaman's throat over fare in Katsina

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KATSINA—A 46-years-old man, identified as Ishaku Inusa, told newsmen yesterday, that he slit the throat of a commercial motorcyclist (*okadaman*) because he could not afford to pay the fare.

Inusa, who committed the act in Kankara Local Government Area of the state, said his two parents were alive, pleaded for pardon and said he was already regretting his actions.

He was arrested by men of Katsina State Police Command.

The father of two was paraded alongside 22 other suspects by the Commander, State Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, SP Andrew Alphouse, at the Command's headquarters.

Also paraded was a leader of a human trafficking syndicate, arrested in Kwado while trying to sneak 22 people out of the country through the Nigeria-Niger Republic border.

On the *okada* incident, SP Alphouse said Inusa boarded the motorcycle and on the way he attacked the rider and slit his throat, adding that the suspect was later arrested in custody of the deceased motorcycle.

He said the trafficking incident was busted following a tip-off provided by a good Samaritan, adding that the victims— 12 females and 10 males— were mainly indigenes of Edo, Delta and Rivers states.

According to Alphouse, they were found with 16 passports in a house rented by their agent in Daki Tara.

