

Suspected cow rustlers, armed robbers nabbed in Plateau

JOS — THE Plateau State Police Command has arrested five suspects in connection with cattle rustling and armed robbery even as the Command recovered 18 cows, 12 goats, stolen handsets and a locally made pistol from the suspects.

The suspected cow rustlers practice their illicit trade at the Jengre area of Bassa Local Government Area of the State while two separate gangs of suspected armed robbers operate at Gindiri district of Mangu local government area of the State and Benue State respectively.

A statement issued yesterday in Jos by the State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, ASP Ubah Gabriel explained the activities of the suspect thus:

"Acting on a tip off, a combined team of Police operatives attached to Jengre Division, Anti kidnapping Unit (AKU) and Yan Bula Hunters group of Jengre Area on the 17/02/2020 at about 2.30pm, arrested one Halidu Idris 'm' of Radi Village Bassa LGA who is a member of a notorious gang of cattle rustlers operating

within Jengre and its environs who led the team to their hide out at Radi Village.

"On sighting the police, the gang members who already laid ambush, opened fire on the operatives. As a result of the gun duel, one of the gang members was shot dead while another of the members identified as Yakubu Soja and five others took to their heels. Exhibit recovered at the scene include, 18 cows, 12 goats, Army green uniform trouser and some seeds suspected to be Indian hemp. Effort is in top gear with a view to arresting the said Yakubu Soja and his cohorts.

"In another development, a case of armed robbery attack was reported in Benue State Police Command on 08/02/2020 where a Hummer Hiace bus with registration number BKB 180 SA was intercepted by men of the underworld along Otukpo/Taraku road and 262 new handsets were catered away.

"Immediately information reached the Plateau State Police Command of the armed robbery case, our operative were placed on alert and intelligent team swung into action which led to the arrest of three suspects namely, Oche Idoko, John Abah and Emmanuel Onyibo all 'm' of Otukpo, Benue State in a black Toyota Corolla car with registration number LSD 34 DN along Ahmadu Bello Way, Jos on 18/02/2020 at about 5.30pm.

"During search, seven of the stolen handsets were recovered from the suspects. The suspects who confessed to the commission of the crime will soon be transferred to Benue State Police Command."

He added that, "On the 14/02/2020 at about 2.09pm while acting on credible information that one Kabiru Jibrin 'm' of Sabon Barki, Gindiri District of Mangu LGA trespassed into student's hostel at College of Education, Gindiri and robbed them of their handsets, a team of Policemen were mobilized to the scene where the suspect was arrested with one locally made pistol.

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Development Association, ODA, doesn't capture the real picture of efforts and actions of the Governor at combating crimes in our society. Criminality doesn't recognize tribe or race. The effect of it affects all. It is no time for the blame game but conscious action at restoring confidence in the security architecture of the state.

"Yesterday, the State Executive Council approved the procurement of modern security equipment to effectively police the entire Kogi State and those equipment will be delivered soon. When delivered, criminal acts like kidnapping and armed robbery will be effectively stamped out.