

# Katsina Police kill 6 suspected bandits rescue 4 NYSC members

- Nine arrested for murder in A-lbom
- Police bust kidnappers arms supply ring on Okene-Lokoja Abuja road
- As 391 suspects nabbed for murder, kidnap, others in Lagos

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**A**s the Katsina Police Command, yesterday, revealed that it has killed six suspected bandits and rescued four NYSC members, who were kidnapped on their way to report at their orientation camp in Zamfara State.

Also, other commands across the country revealed efforts made at arresting suspects for various criminal offences, ranging from murder, kidnap, cultism to robbery.

The Katsina State command said during the rescue mission, where the six suspected members of the bandit were killed, that two rifles and ammunition were recovered.

SP Gambo Isah, Katsina Command Public Relations Officer, told journalists, yesterday, that some



Arms and ammunition recovered as presented by Lagos State Commissioner of Police, yesterday.

## Friends flee after final year UNIBEN student drown in borrow pit

By Perez Brisibe

**U**GHELLI—THE inability of the police to locate the corpse of a final year student of the University of Benin, UNIBEN, who was reported to have drowned in a borrow pit at Oteri community in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, is causing tension in the community.

The victim, Ayodele Adeluyi, an undergraduate in the university's Fisheries department, was declared missing yesterday, after he went to the borrow pit used for dredging activities to swim with his friends, who allegedly fled the scene of the incident with his mobile phone.

Sources said one of his friends identified as Nduka, who is currently in hiding, allegedly called a sister of the victim residing at Abuja to inform her that her brother has drowned in

bandits were also arrested by the police during the operation to rescue the corps members and other passengers.

According to police, on Monday at about 11:30 pm, the bandits in military uniform in Funtua LGA waylaid an 18-seater bus that was going to neighbouring Zamfara State.

The PPRO said the bandits "kidnapped all the 18 passengers comprising of 13 NYSC prospective members and five others.

"On arrival, the police team searched the nearby bush and rescued 14 passengers made up of nine NYSC members and five civilians while four corps members and one civilian were whisked away by fleeing bandits.

"Search party led by officer in charge of SARS in Katsina in collaboration with repentant bandits led by one Ado Haliru, went after the bandits up to Doka forest in Faskari LGA of Katsina state.

He said the team succeeded in locating the camp of the kidnappers, engaged them in a gun battle and rescued the remaining four NYSC members and a civilian.

"Furthermore, the team killed six of the kidnappers, recovered one A-47 rifle, one LAR rifle, seven rounds of 7.62mm and 12 rounds of 7.67mm ammunition from the bandits.

All the NYSC members are from Akure, Ondo State heading to NYSC camp at Tsafe, Zamfara State for the

suspects, including the principal suspect, one Lucky Michael, were arrested.

"During interrogation, the said Lucky Michael confessed his involvement in the crime and led the detectives to his house where the deceased severed head was recovered. Investigation is still in progress."

## Arms leader arrested in Taraba

In Taraba, a suspected arms dealer, who has been involved in gun-running for over over 10 years, was apprehended by the police.

The suspect, Dayyabu Usman, was paraded at the police headquarters in Jalingo, alongside other suspected criminals, yesterday.

Various arms and ammunition were recovered from the suspects.

Spokesman of the Police Command, DSP David Misal, explained that the suspects were arrested for kidnapping, gun-running, armed robbery and murder.

He said, the gunrunner, Usman, was arrested by detectives attached to Kanim Lamido division of the Police command.

"According to him, "the suspect revealed to the investigation team that he has been into the illegal business for over 10 years.

"Investigation further revealed that he is a major supplier of arms and ammunition, including sophisticated