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③ NSCDC personnel claims responsibility for Benue's Christmas Day killing of 2

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI — PERSONNEL of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, Inspector Adakole Adah, has claimed responsibility for the death of two persons at an ill-fated Christmas Day music carnival held on Ochacho Avenue, Otukpo town, in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The music carnival, which was put together by a popular Otukpo millionaire (name withheld), took place at the private residence of the millionaire and the party was billed to have popular Nigerian musicians entertain fun-seekers when the incident happened.

Adah, who was interrogated by the Police in a viral video obtained by *Vanguard* in Makurdi, accepted responsibility but explained that it was a case of accidental discharge.

He claimed he was on duty at the time of the incident and



Adah

had warmed the air with two gunshots when his rifle entangled with a Christmas tree at the venue of the carnival and while trying to get it off the tree he unknowingly pulled the trigger and fired the shot that killed the two victims.

He said: "We were in Ochacho's house on duty. We were going round checking our men on duty. On our way back, I said let me warm the air with my AK-54 rifle.

"I was carrying a triple magazine with 90 rounds. I warmed the air with two shots, as I wanted to bring my rifle down, it got entangled in the

Christmas light, I tried to force it down so that I can clear my magazine, my hand then pulled the trigger and two shots came out."

Adah said at that point, bouncers at the event pounced on him and seized his weapon, claiming that he had killed someone and injured another not knowing that two persons were killed.

He claimed he was attached to the NSCDC Agro Rangers and was detailed from Makurdi to assist his colleagues, who came from Abuja to provide security at the Otukpo event.

4 Lagos-bound truck somersaults in Niger, kills 23, injures 22

TWENTY three persons lost their lives while 22 others sustained injuries when a truck, fully loaded with cows and 45 persons, skidded off the road and somersaulted into a bush.

Confirming the incident, yesterday, Niger State Commissioner of Police, Mr

Adamu Usman, said the accident occurred at about 5 am along Bokani-Makera road in Mokwa Local Government Area of the state.

Usman said the truck, with number plate, BBJ 666 XA, was from Dadin Kowa in Kebbi State, en route Lagos when the incident occurred, explaining that the

corpses of the deceased and the other 22, who sustained injuries, had been conveyed to the Mokwa General Hospital for postmortem and treatment respectively.

Usman, who attributed the accident to loss of control by the driver, lamented the failure of drivers to obey traffic rules and regulations.

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