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Senior NDF officer arrested for poaching

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THE 51-year-old Tobias Nuuyoma, a senior officer in the Namibian Defence Force and the 55-year-old Samuel Mumbala, a lecturer at the Valombola Vocational Training Centre were released on bail of N\$ 5 000 each after they were arrested on charges of poaching over the past weekend.



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The duo made their first appearance in the Tsumeb Magistrate's Court on Monday after they were arrested early on Saturday morning at the Bravo police checkpoint with all the carcasses of the animals they hunted illegally on a farm near Tsintsabis in the car they were driving. The presiding magistrate postponed the matter to 9 August this year.

Oshikoto Regional Police Commander, Commissioner Armas Shivute, told Informanté that Nuuyoma, who is a Colonel in the NDF and Mumbala, a teacher at Valombola Vocational Training Centre were arrested at around 01H00 after police received a call from the farm owner.

According to Shivute, it is alleged that the two duo were hunting at Tsutsab farm in the area of Tsintsabis. The owner of the farm woke up to gunshots being fired on his farm, he woke up his son and three

farm workers and went looking for the poachers. They were assisted by a member of the Men and Women Network in their search for the illegal hunters.

"They observed the lights of the vehicle on the farm, followed the suspects' vehicle and also informed the police officers at Bravo check point," said Shivute.

He noted that they were caught with the carcasses of two duikers, two rabbits, two spring hairs and one antelope loaded in their vehicle.

In addition, the suspects were also allegedly found in possession of a shotgun and Makarov pistol.

"All fire arms and the meat were confiscated and the two suspects were kept in police custody at Tsumeb until they made their first appearance in the magistrate's court this morning," added Shivute.



