

8 stuck on rhino poaching

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Francoise Steynberg - Eight suspected rhino poachers and horn smugglers were arrested over two days.

According to the head of the Blue Rhino task team, comm. Barry de Klerk, two rhino carcasses were discovered on a farm in the Gobabis district on Tuesday.

"Four suspects were arrested on Tuesday in Otjiwarongo with rhino horns in their possession. On Wednesday, we arrested another four suspects with two horns in Windhoek," De Klerk told Republican last night.

"These horns, a firearm and ammunition were found in the home of a well-known churchman in Kleine Kuppe. All indications are that three of the eight suspects were involved in the poaching."

De Klerk says four suspects will appear in the Otjiwarongo Magistrate's Court today and two on Gobabis tomorrow. The churchman and another suspect will appear in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

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