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Suspected rhino poachers arrested



The white rhinoceros bull, poached last Friday in a private game reserve in Okahandja County, is the first rhinoceros to be hunted by poachers this year, according to Blue Rhino Task Force leader Barry de Klerk.

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Windhoek/ Okahandja (NMH / sb) • Six suspected rhinoceros poachers were arrested after a white rhinoceros bull was poached in the Okahandja district ten days ago. Following the announcement of the news last Friday, the head of the Blue Rhino Task Force, Barry de Klerk, stated that the animal's carcass - without its nose horns - had been found in a private game reserve a week earlier.

During a secret operation by the task force and the Namibian police, the two suspects, Jeff Makayi Nadango (36) and Stefanus Muyenga Musore (49), were found in the Lafrenz industrial area in Windhoek with two nasal horns in their possession the day after the discovery of Klerk. "Further research by the team led to the Otjetu settlement in Okahandja, where four other Namibian men were arrested on the same day (Zekka Petrus Ihemba (45), Mayembe Alfeus Kamwengo (38), Matyayi Thomas Sivambo (36) and Kativa Frans Musenge (50). An unlicensed hunting rifle with ammunition and other poaching equipment and the vehicle used in the act were confiscated," it said.

All of the suspects are part of a poaching syndicate, according to De Klerk, and one of the suspects is employed on the farm where the rhinoceros was poached. All of the defendants have already appeared before the magistrate court and will remain in custody for the time being.

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