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Three cases opened, seven suspects arrested for wildlife crimes

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Statistics availed to Nampa on Thursday indicate that six suspects were arrested for rhino poaching, including cases of conspiracy of rhino poaching. One suspect was arrested for alleged elephant poaching and trafficking.

One rhino carcass and two elephant tusks were recovered during the period under review, while two firearms were seized.

"For all the cases registered, the arrests or seizures were made by a combination of law enforcement agencies - Namibian Police Force, MEFT rangers, Namibian Defence Force, Blue Rhino Task Team and Anti-Poaching Units. Cases are only reported after suspects have appeared before court," MEFT said.

Source: Namibia Press Agency

Summary

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