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## Five suspects arrested for rhino poaching in Gobabis

Staff Reporter

THE Namibian police have reported that they have arrested five suspects in relation to an incident where a White Rhino bull was shot and killed, and its horns removed on a farm in the Gobabis district on May 4, 2024.

According to Deputy Commissioner Kauna Shikwambi, the national spokesperson of the Namibian police, the arrested suspects are Michael Shomeya Koshondatile (39), Barnabas Shitaleni Muzanime (35), Victory Henghono (31), Imanuel Stafanus Nangwasha (34), and Petrus Petrus Nghifindaka (31), and the matter was postponed to August 13, 2024.

Shikwambi said that the incident prompted an investigation by the Blue Rhino Task Team (BRTT), the Protected Resources Sub-Division in the Omaheke Region, as well as the Investigation Unit of MEFT.



"With information provided by the farming community and local police reservists, a vehicle with a GRN registration number was identified on suspicion to be involved in that rhino poaching. The investigation team traced the said vehicle and its driver in Gobabis, and the follow-up investigations led the Investigation Team to the Havana informal settlement in Windhoek. From Sunday, the 5th, to the morning of Monday, the 6th, the Team arrested three Namibian males in Windhoek who were found in possession of two fresh Rhino horns suspected to originate from the rhino poaching in the Gobabis area. These three accused persons made their first appearance in the Katutura Magistrate court on Tuesday, and their case was postponed to August 13, 2024, for further investigation. No bail was granted, and they will also be charged in the rhino poaching case in Gobabis," Shikwambi said.

She added that another two Namibian males were also arrested in Windhoek and Gobabis for their involvement in the rhino poaching case in Gobabis, and they, together with the GRN vehicle driver, appeared in the Gobabis Magistrate on Friday, and their case was postponed until July 24, 2024, for further investigations. They remain in custody.

"The police investigations in this matter continue in search of the firearm used and the tracing of other suspects. (One ran away from the residence in Windhoek). Further charges under the Prevention of Organized Crime Act and Anti-Corruption Act will also be added," Shikwambi said.