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SIC DISMANTLES CRIMINAL NETWORK ENGAGED IN IVORY TROPHY TRAFFICKING AND SEIZES OVER 400 KG

The Criminal Investigation Service (SIC), through its Central Directorate for Combating the Illicit Trafficking of Precious Stones, Metals and Crimes against the Environment, in operational coordination with other defense and security forces, and in close collaboration with the General Tax Administration (AGT), international organizations, and NGOs dedicated to wildlife protection, conducted a micro-operation on Thursday, 6 November, on the outskirts of Luanda.

This operation led to the dismantling of a criminal network engaged in the trafficking of ivory trophies and other wildlife specimens destined for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

During the operation, acting under arrest warrants issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office, four foreign nationals of Vietnamese origin, aged between 33 and 56 years, were detained.

They are members of the criminal network, including its ringleader, who is sought by local authorities for being one of the main masterminds behind the trafficking of wildlife products.

Separately, in another operational action carried out by the Department for Combating Trafficking and Smuggling under the Directorate for Combating Organized Crime, four Angolan nationals were arrested for involvement in various crimes.

Two were detained for participating in a fraudulent scheme producing counterfeit driver's licenses, charging 250,000 kwanzas for each license; another was arrested for fraud involving false promises of placing students in internships at public hospitals in exchange for payment; and finally, one individual was detained for recruiting young people through social media for sexual exploitation under the guise of operating a therapeutic massage school.

Given the significance of these operations for crime prevention and enforcement, the media are invited to cover the event today at 10:00 a.m. at SIC headquarters in Cacuo.

For further information, please contact the Director of the SIC Institutional Communication and Press Office (GCII) at the following numbers: 923 530 716 / 994 377 698.

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