

Anti-poaching guards arrested after suspected poacher shot at Okahandja



Two anti-poaching security guards (23 and 34) were arrested on Tuesday for allegedly shooting and killing a suspected poacher on a private commercial farm near Okahandja.

Otjozondjupa head of community policing affairs senior inspector Maureen Mbeha confirmed the incident on Wednesday.

She said the deceased has not been identified yet.

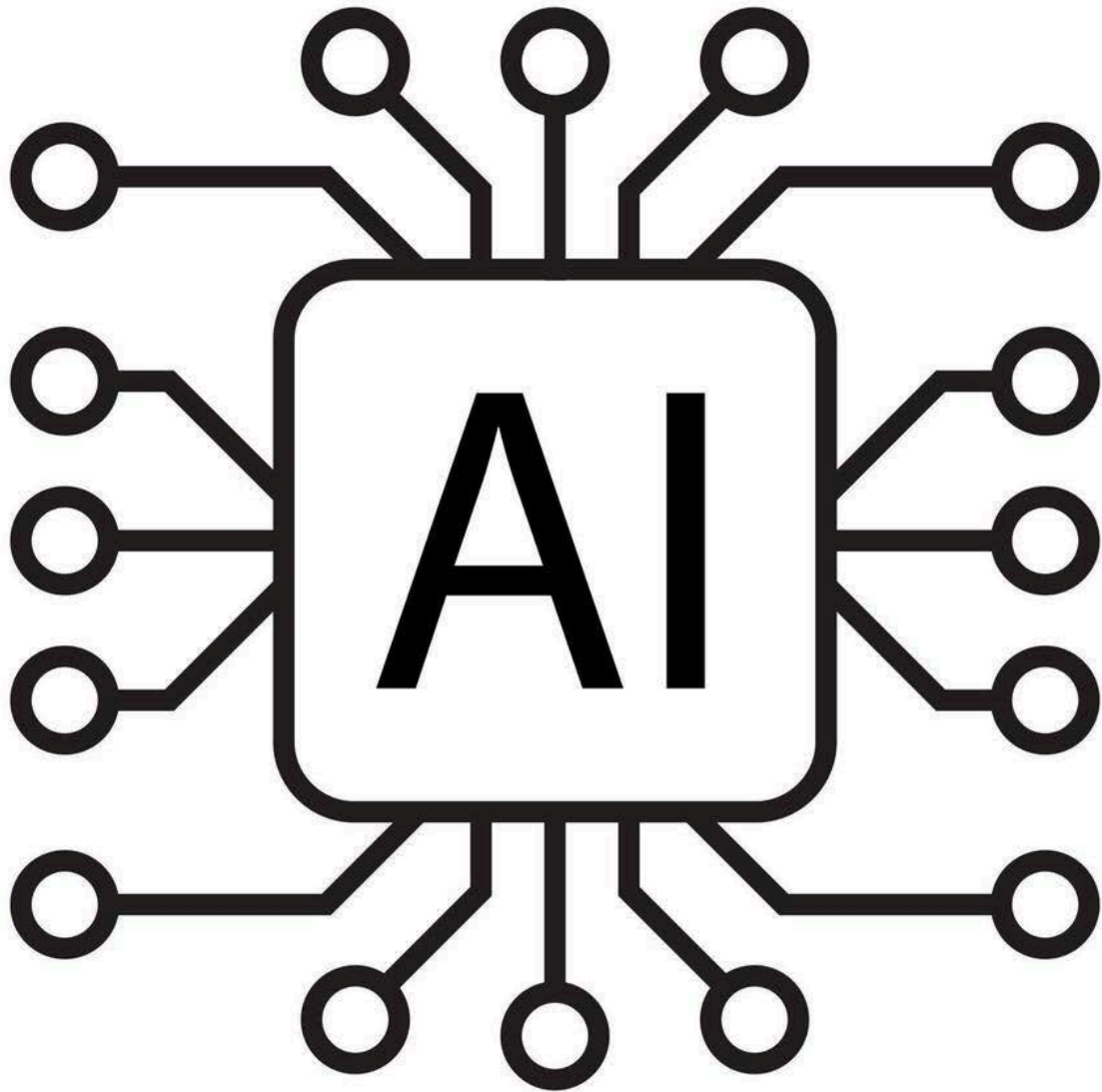
The shooting occurred around 08h00 on Tuesday at farm Otjisazu. Mbeha said the guards reportedly encountered two suspects involved in the hunting and killing of an oryx. While pursuing them, one suspect was fatally shot with a shotgun, while the other managed to escape the scene, she said.

“The unknown deceased sustained injuries to his chest, right abdominal, and lower abdomen area and died at the scene,” Mbeha said.

The police have since recovered the licensed shotgun used in the shooting.

The two suspects, both facing charges of murder, are expected to make their first appearance in the Okahandja Magistrate’s Court this week. — Nampa

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