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The Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and the National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC) have resolved to work together to tackle the menace of rape in Nigeria.  
  
The Director-General, National Council for Arts and Culture, Otunba Segun Runsewe, and the Director-General, Nigerian Television Authority, Mallam Yakubu ibn Mohammed, made this resolution when the NCAC boss paid a courtesy call on his counterpart in NTA headquarters Abuja.  
  
Runsewe stated that the efforts of NTA on the issues of rape in Nigeria had drastically reduced the rate as indicated by statistics from other states of the federation.  
  
He added that the sustained dissemination of information and condemnation of rape by NTA had gone a long way to sensitize rape victims and their families on what to do and who to complain to when they fall victim.  
  
“I find in the NTA a formidable ally in sensitising Nigerians on the dangers of rape and the consequences on its victims.  
  
“NCAC strongly believes that we can form the much needed synergy with NTA that is required to fight rapists all over the country,” he stressed.  
  
The Director-General of Nigerian Television Authority, Mallam Yakubu ibn Mohammed, affirmed support to eradicate the scourge of banditry, kidnapping and very recently, rape.  
  
He said: “NTA has decided to be in the forefront of the vanguard to fight rapists and all these other social vices in Nigeria.  
  
” The acronym STAR (Stand Against Rape) has already been adopted to fight against this social vice called rape.”  
  
According to him also, NTA is happy that Runsewe is coming to join forces with them to fight the menace of rape that is fast becoming a pandemic because he knows that anything Runsewe puts his hand into, he does it with all sincerity of purpose.  
  
Mohammed concluded that rape was a pandemic that must be tacked with all determination, promising to put in his best to fight it.  
  
During the courtesy visit, there was the inauguration of a joint planning committee to produce a working document for both organisations after the exchange of gifts from both heads of agency.