

NDLEA officer killed as operatives raid drugs' enclave on Bonny Island

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Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have raided a notorious drug enclave known as Ama Hausa on Bonny Island, Rivers State, arresting six suspects and recovering a significant cache of illicit substances.

The recovered haul included cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, skunk, and tramadol.

However, the operation reportedly turned tragic as a Chief Narcotic Agent, Sadiq Bako Mujahid, lost his life.

He was said to have sustained severe head injuries when drug dealers mobilized armed hoodlums to attack the operatives during the raid.

Despite the violent ambush, the Agency said it successfully apprehended all six targets, including the gang leader, Genesis George Benson, who is allegedly responsible for the death of the officer.

In a statement released by the Agency's spokesperson, Femi Babafemi, it was confirmed that the strategic operation took place on Friday, February 6, in the Ama Hausa area—a well-known hub for criminal activity.

According to the statement, other suspects arrested alongside Benson include ThankGod Okon, Shamsudden Isah, Muhammed Musa, Adamu Muhammed, and Muhammed Yusuf.

"The operation took a tragic turn when Benson mobilized



■ The deceased NDLEA officer

a group of armed hoodlums to attack the team in a desperate bid to escape. During the ensuing confrontation, Agent Mujahid was brutally attacked. Although he was rushed to the Bonny Island General Hospital for emergency medical attention, he succumbed to his injuries," the statement read.

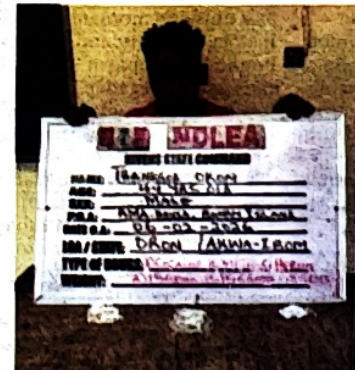
Reacting to the incident, the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of the NDLEA, Brig. Gen. Mohamed Buba Marwa (Rtd), commended the bravery and resilience of the officers who stood their ground.

"I salute the gallantry of our men who refused to be

intimidated by these criminal elements. Even after the cowardly attack on Mujahid, our operatives ensured that the assailants were overpowered and arrested, and their illicit substances confiscated. Their sacrifice will not be in vain," Marwa stated.

Mourning the fallen officer, Marwa described Mujahid as a disciplined and courageous professional who paid the ultimate price in service to his fatherland.

"We extend our deepest condolences to his family, his colleagues, and the Rivers State Command," he added.



■ The suspects