

Suspected drug user slumps, dies as police arrest 6

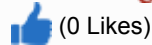
By Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna | Publish Date: Mar 7 2018 2:00AM

facebook

twitter

Google+

LinkedIn



Six suspects have been arrested by the Zaria Police Area Command in Samaru, Kaduna State, over drug abuse.

The police team, Daily Trust gathered, stormed the drug addicts' hide out following a tip-off where they made the arrests.

Our correspondent gathered that one of the suspects slumped during the raid and was later confirmed dead at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Shika.

The news of the death of their member allegedly caused confusion in the area as the members mobilised and embarked on a violent protest, smashing three cars and burning two houses in Samaru.

Confirming the incident, the police spokesperson of the command, ASP Aliyu Mukhtar, said the police patrol team stormed the dark spots which were notorious for illicit drug sales and consumption.

He said, "Upon sighting our men, the addicts took to their heels, but six of them were arrested, while we went after the fleeing members. One of them, probably due to exhaustion, slumped; he was taken to the Ahmadu Bello Teaching Hospital, Shika, where he died.

“His gang members decided to vent their anger on the populace by smashing vehicles and setting houses ablaze. Exhibits recovered from them include dried leaves suspected to be Indian hemp and other hard drugs,” he said.

He noted that investigation had commenced into the matter and that very soon they would be charged to court.