

# Two feared killed as drug dealers, NDLEA clash

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**H**UNDREDS of residents of Kano metropolis yesterday scampered for safety during a clash between operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and dozens of drugs peddlers, two of whom were believed to have died.

But, worried by the new wave of drug trafficking through the nation's gateways, particularly at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, the NDLEA yesterday held an awareness rally to educate the public on the dangerous impact of narcotics.

The clash which took place at about 8.00 p.m. and lasted for about 30 minutes, occurred after the drug dealers at a location around the Gidan Murtala Secretariat and Kofar Dan Agundi (popularly referred as *Island* by the peddlers) engaged the NDLEA with cutlasses, knives and other dangerous weapons to escape arrest.

The awareness campaign which had rank and file of the agency, airline operators, aviation service providers, aviation agencies in attendance took the group in a long walk to some areas of the airport.

The NDLEA's Head, Public Affairs, Mr. Mitchel Ofoyeju, told *The Guardian*, that 37,668.194 kilogrammes of various narcotics and psychotropic substances were seized from traffickers between January and May, this year with 2, 586 males and 203 females apprehended in many states and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.