

2 Indian Hemp Dealers Drown In Attempt To Evade Arrest

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Two dead bodies, suspected to be bodies of Indian hemp dealers, were fished out of a stagnant river, by good Samaritans along BUK road in Kano, yesterday morning. This was sequel to a raid by officials of the NDLEA and the police the previous night.

An eyewitness, who did not want his name in print, recounts that five pick up vehicles, Hilux Toyota van, conveying armed NDLEA, police and Immigration personnel, stormed the den of the dealers at 'Tin-can island, Hauran Mubi' of Kofar Nassarawa

quarters, in Kano municipal.

The eyewitness said he saw about five young men wading into the river in an attempt to escape the security personnel.

He said the men were throwing stones at NDLEA vehicle, calling them thieves.

According to him, "We came out this morning and saw dead bodies of two young men floating on the river. They were removed by some concerned youths."

An NDLEA officer, who sought for anonymity, confirmed that two bodies were fished out of the river. According to him, the dealers flood the area, 'Badala' along

BUK road, selling indian hemp, coding syrup, drugs and other abuse drugs. He said they sold it in large quantities and are very unlawful and constantly resist police arrest.

He said it was very usual for some of them to jump into the river while trying to escape from being arrest.

According to a resident of Kofar Naisa, Nabulisi Abubakar, he said. "This is not the first time Indian hemp sellers have died in the river, especially those who have abused drugs so much. They simply cannot coordinate their senses to swim out of the river."

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