

# Rapists, assassins, drug addicts infest Kaduna

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**THE** months of January and February, 2016 were indeed busy ones for Kaduna State police command because hardly was there a day that cases of rape, and other crimes were not reported to law enforcement agents.

Early January, five men were arrested by the Police for alleged criminal conspiracy, abduction and rape of a 16 year-old girl in Kaduna metropolis. One of the suspects, Sadiq Ibrahim was said to have abducted the girl from Mando area in the city on 16th January and took her to another suspect's house, one Hassan Ibrahim in Ungwan Shanu where she was raped.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Zubairu Abubakar said the five suspects turned the girl into a sex slave after her abductions for five days.

"One Sadiq Ibrahim (m) allegedly abducted a 16-year old girl from Mando and took her to one of his friend's residence, Hassan Ibrahim (m) of Ungwan Shanu. Having raped her, he handed her over to four of his friends, namely Hassan Ibrahim, Umar Musa Nafiu I. Goma and Kabiru Umar.

"They all raped and kept her as a sex slave for five days before their arrest. The suspects are in police custody and investigation is ongoing," DSP Abubakar said.

In another development, on January 17, one Abdullahi Saleh, 30, was also arrested for allegedly raping an 11-year old girl, the police spokesman stated, adding that further investigation was also in progress.

A secondary school student, Yunusa Umar, 19, was arrested by the Police in Kaduna for allegedly stabbing his

friend, Aliyu Yusuf, 22, to death over dispute over girlfriend. Four other suspects were said to have confessed to conniving with Umar to stab Yusuf to death along Atahiru Road, Malali area of Kaduna metropolis.

In its effort to stop drug trafficking, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Kaduna arrested about 25 suspected drug addicts and traffickers in cocaine and other unlawful drugs within the same period.

Their arrest followed a raid carried out by the agency at a popular drug addicts' den, called 'The Black Street' in Sabo Tasha area of the state capital. Some of the recovered drugs include cocaine, Indian hemp, codeine and tramol, among others.

Parading the suspects, NDLEA Commander, Samuel Azige said, during the raid, both cracked and powdered form of cocaine were recovered from the suspects.

Some of the suspects paraded at the Kaduna Command headquarters of the agency in Kaduna confessed to the crime.

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Asked why he takes 'wee-wee' (Indian hemp), Salihu said, "when I take it I feel okay, but now, I have not taken it, and I am not feeling okay."

The NDLEA Commander explained that, preliminary investigations revealed that, the suspects wrap the powdered cocaine and sell, while they heat and inhale the cracked ones.

He however said that the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigation was concluded, adding that the suspects had constituted nuisance and engaged in all forms of



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