

NDLEA arrests 200 suspected drug traffickers in Cross River

The National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Cross River Command, said it arrested 200 suspects in 2016 for various drug related offences.

Mrs. Antonia Edeh, Commander of NDLEA in the state, disclosed this on Monday. Edeh said: "Out of this number, 178 were males, while 22 were females. A total of 475.7058kg of hard drugs was seized from the suspects. Cannabis sativa topped the recovered drugs with 298.436kg, Psychotropic substance 1.082kg, Cocaine 0.004kg, Hero-

in 0.0278kg, Ephedrine 100.100kg and Methamphetamine 75,050kg. During the period under review, 4.2 hectares of Cannabis sativa farms were destroyed at Odukpani and Ikom Local Government Areas of the state. Also, 22 drug suspects were convicted by the Federal High Court Calabar, with various jail terms ranging from six months to 10 years, while some others are currently standing trial."

Edeh added that, 95 drug-dependent persons were counseled and reunited with their families.

One dies, many injured as commercial bus crashes in Lagos

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One person died and many injured yesterday at the Lekki Phase 1, area of Lagos State, after a commercial bus failed brake and skidded off the highway.

Witnesses at the scene said the incident occurred around 9:25am, leading to the death of one of the passengers in the bus.

It was also gathered that several other occupants of the bus sustained various degrees of injuries when the bus failed brake and crashed into a gutter.



Scene of the accident

The officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) were said to have got to the scene on time and rescued those who sustained injuries. They moved them to hospitals and took the remains of the dead passenger to a mortuary.