## Gunmen kill NDLEA official in Kano

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Suspected gunmen yesterday killed an operative of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Mr Tanko Amfani, by some suspected drug traffickers.

In the same vein, the gunmen injured three officials of the agency who were on duty around the city.

Chairman of the NDLEA, Col. Mohammad Mustapha Abdullah (rtd), who confirmed this, said the incident occurred when the patrol team approached a road block not knowing that it was created by the gunmen.

While narrating the development further, the Commander, Kano State Command of the NDLEA, Alhaji Hamza Umar, told journalists that the late officer who was shout from behind had the bullets coming out through his chest had since been buried according to Islamic rite at Zuru in Kebbi State.

Mohammad, who was on emergency visit to Kano State Command, expressed regret over the loss of the

slain officer who he said could have survived the stray bullets if the agency was adequately kitted with bullet proof.

He explained the ugly trend has further revealed how NDLEA was poorly funded and acutely lacking of needed logistics.

The NDLEA while condoling with the men and officers of the command over the attack, urged the operatives to remain resolute on the front line, reminding that their responsibility was a clarion call to the nation and humanity. Mohammad said: "We have lost a senior and gallant office in active service and even though lost of life is certain this one is sadden and painful but that will not stop us from the fight.

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"Although the men were on routine operation but maybe if they were adequately equipped perhaps they would have won the gun dwell with the unknown gunmen. But again this incident will further enable us to continue our consistent call on the federal government for better funding of the agency."