

MEDIA BRIEFING BY NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE DEPUTY INSPECTOR-GENERAL FOR OPERATION, MAJ-GEN. JAMES TJIVIKUA ON EASTER SEASON ROAD SAFETY OPERATION

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GOOD MORNING

Allow us through you, to appraise the nation about the Easter Season Road Safety Operation on Namibia`s Road Networks and Crime Statistics recorded for the period 25 – 28 March 2016.

As we are all aware by now, we have launched the Easter Season Campaign under operation “OMAKE”, which concluded on Tuesday, 29th March 2016.

The Namibian Police Force jointly agreed with key Stakeholders in the Road Safety Sub-Sector to undertake an operation in all 14 Regions, in order to minimize or reduce the carnage on our road and to prevent crime.

Our objectives were very clear and the outcomes are noticeable. We had achieved quite a number of successes during the execution of the campaign.

The following are the operational outcomes over the period of 4 days compared to the same period last year:

	2015	2016
Road Traffic Check Points	18	18
Vehicles Stopped	21 973	23 008
Drivers Arrested for	3	46

Drink and Driving		
Summons Issued	597	785
Drivers Screened	1800	1524
Driving while on Cellphone	14	6
Speeding	225	240
Seat Belts	46	56
Inconsiderate Driving	12	2
Un-roadworthy Vehicles	62	16
Un-licensed Drivers	95	91
Un-licensed Vehicles	62	76
Overloading	22	7

Law enforcement has played a vital role in reducing the accidents and fatalities, although the injuries have increased during this period. The preliminary results recorded thus far are as follows;

	2015	2016
Accidents	66	64
Injuries	113	121
Fatalities	21	11

It is worth mentioning that, the Breathalyzer 7110 is back again, after it was discontinued in 2013 legal short comings.

However, a new Government Gazette was issued by the Ministry of Works and Transport and the approval for the instrument (Breathalyzer) was certified by the Namibia Standards Institute (NSI) in December 2015.

This Instrument is of great assistance to our Traffic Officers and had been used effectively during this past Easter Holidays as it is evident from the given statistics.

On the general crime front, the following crimes and successes were recorded in the following respective Regions;

KHOMAS REGION

In terms of serious crimes, Khomas Region was quiet this Easter weekend, only one case of Culpable Homicide was recorded.

OSHANA REGION

- 1 X Murder
- 2 X Attempted Murder
- 1 X Culpable Homicide

HARDAP REGION

- 2 X Culpable Homicide
- 1 X Rape
- 1 X Attempted Rape
- 3 X Dealing in Drugs

KAVANGO EAST REGION

- 1 x Found in possession of Controlled Wild Products

OMAHEKE REGION

- 1 X Unnatural Death
- 1 X Culpable Homicide
- 1 X Driving Under Influence of Alcohol
 - 1 X Reckless and or Negligent Driving
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OMUSATI REGION

- 2 X Culpable Homicide
- 3 X Drowning
- 1 X Murder and Concealment of Birth
 - 3 X Suicide
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OSHIKOTO REGION

- 1 X Unnatural Death
- 1 X Murder

OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

- 1 X Culpable Homicide
- 1 X Reckless and or Negligent
- 1 X Housebreaking and Theft
- 1 X Unauthorised possession of a Fire-arm

//KARAS REGION

- 1 X Possession of Cannabis
- 1 X Culpable Homicide
- 1 X Attempted Murder

OHANGWENA REGION

- 1 X Rape

ERONGO REGION

- 1 X Culpable Homicide
- 1 X Suicide
- 1 X Reckless and or Negligent Driving
- 1 X Rape
- 1 X Dealing in Drugs (Cocaine)

In summary, nationally we recorded the following cases and success;

MURDER : 3 CASES RECORDED, AND THREE SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED.

ATTEMPTED MURDER : 3 CASES RECORDED, ONE SUSPECT ARRESTED.

CULPABLE HOMICIDE : 11 CASES WERE RECORDED (3 FEMALES, 6 MALES, 2 MINORS DIED)

SUICIDE : 4 CASES RECORDED (3 FEMALES, 1 MALE)

DROWNING : 3 CASES RECORDED (3 MINORS)

UNNATURAL DEATH : 2 CASES RECORDED (1 MALE AND 1 MINOR)

RAPE : 3 CASES RECORDED 4 PEOPLE ARRESTED (3 MALES, 1 MINOR)

ATTEMPTED RAPE : 1 CASE RECORDED (VICTIM IS ONE MINOR)

DEALING IN DRUGS : RECOVERED 659 MANDRAX TABLETS, 213 CRACK COCAINE, 99 BALLIES OF CANNABIS (DAGGA) **(TOTAL VALUE FOR ALL THE DRUGS N\$ 75 370-00)**. ARRESTED 6 SUSPECTS (3 MALES AND 3 FEMALES).

FOUND IN POSSESSION CONTROLLED WILD PRODUCTS : RECORDED 1 CASE, RECOVERED 2 ELEPHANT TUSKS, ARRESTED 2 MALES.

RECKLESS AND OR NEGLIGENT DRIVING : RECORDED 3 CASES

CONCEALMENT OF BIRTH : 1 CASE