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### **DRUG SEIZURE BY THE NAMIBIAN POLICE DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION: 01-30 NOVEMBER 2018.**

From 01<sup>st</sup> to 30 November 2018, the Namibian Police Force Drug Law Enforcement Division seized drugs valued at N\$ 918 830-00 and arrested 151 suspects.

The drugs seized are as follows:

1. 36.238 kg dagga/cannabis valued at N\$ 362 380-00
2. 168 sachets of synthetic Marijuana valued at N\$ 18 760-00
3. 252 Mandrax tablets valued at N\$ 30 240-00
4. 1 gram of Cocaine powder
5. 69 units of crack Cocaine valued at N\$ 6 900-00

A total of 66 suspects were arrested in connection with the above seizure. Among these suspects, 62 of them are Namibians; fifty-two (52) males and ten (10) females of which two (02) are police officers, three (03) Angolan nationals and one Swazi national.


Furthermore, five (05) foreign nationals; three (03) Ugandans, a Tanzanian and a Burundian were arrested in connection with the sale of 61 Cycotec tablets popularly known as the "abortion pill".

The Namibian Police Force Drug Law Enforcement Division has also observed with grave concern of a profitable business practice of bogus doctors targeting women and vulnerable young girls who are not well informed about the possible side effects and complications of

such unsupervised and self-induced abortions. The sale of such drugs is in contravention of the Medicine and Related Substance Control Act, *Act 13 of 2003* and if convicted one can face a fine of N\$ 40 000-00 or ten (10) years imprisonment or both. During these operations 61 Cycotec tablets valued at N\$ 40 050-00 was seized.

With regards to the Tobacco Control Act, *Act 1 of 2010*, 80 suspects were arrested and charged with dealing or being in possession of illicit tobacco products valued at N\$ 460 000-00. It is also important to inform the nation that in terms of the Tobacco Act, it is illegal to; smoke in public places, to sell tobacco products to minors and similarly illegal to employ minors to sell tobacco products.

Best regards.

  
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