

The Lagos State Environmental and Special Forces, known as Taskforce has confirmed the arrest of 46 criminal suspects during a clean-up operation on Friday, 24th July, at several surrounding locations across Lekki, Lagos Island and Victoria Island.

The operation which took place around 9 am led to the arrest of the suspects from different areas which include Muri Okunola Park, Victoria Island; Obalende Under bridge; Law School Junction; Maroko; Sandfill by Mobil Bus Stop; and Marwa-Bus stop along the Lekki-Epe Expressway.

They were arrested alongside guns, narcotics and other dangerous objects.

The agency's spokesperson, Abdulraheem Gbadeyan confirmed the arrests in an issued statement as well as the recovery of the objects.

"Substances suspected to be Indian Hemp, Colorado, and Cannabis: 1 UTC Cutlass; and 1 dane gun – a metal object fabricated in the form of a pistol but incapable of firing live ammunition" the statement revealed.

The spokesperson clarified that the clean up formed a part of the ongoing exercise to rid the street of all forms of criminals.

According to the statement, street urchins, miscreants, drug addicts, peddlers, illegal motorcyclists, street traders and illegal ticketers form a part of these criminals.

He added that normalcy has been restored to affected areas with the arrested suspects to be prosecuted according to the Lagos State Environmental Management and Protection Law, 2017 and the Lagos State Transport Sector Reform Law, 2018.

The Chairman of the agency, CSP Adetayo Akerele addressed on the arrests, assuring that the agency will not give any breathing space to criminal elements in the state, while underlining the agency's commitment to sustaining the enforcement operations.