

Two suspects are in police custody in Gakenke and Kirehe districts for possession and smuggling cannabis, they were picked up in a security operation campaign aimed at breaking break chains of drug supply.

Police declined to identify the suspects for fear of jeopardizing the operation to find their accomplices but says that one was arrested in Umujiyi village, Rusagara cell of Gakenke sector in Gakenke District with possession of 104 pellets of cannabis.

The other suspect was arrested in Kirehe District, Gatore sector, Rwantonde cell in Karehero village with 3kgs he allegedly smuggled into Rwanda from neighboring Tanzania.

According to superintendent of Police (SP) Alex Ndayisenga, the Northern Region Political and Civic Education Officer (RPCEO) the suspect arrested in Gakenke District was en-route to Kigali, he was traveling by bus with 104 pellets of cannabis concealed in an envelope.

“Investigations indicate that the suspect was returning to Kigali from the Karambo sector in Gakenke District where he bought narcotics from another supplier.” He explains

Adding that, there are two other accomplices yet to be arrested; the alleged supplier in Karambo and another suspected retailer in Gatsata sector, Gasabo District,”

Meanwhile, in Kirehe District, SP Hamdun Twizeyimana, the Police spokesperson for the Eastern region, said that the 27-year old suspect was also reported by a resident.

“A resident in Rwantonde cell called the Police after he saw a suspicious man with a sack at about 8p.m, and suspected him to be a drug dealer. Police took him into custody after they found the sack contained 3kgs of cannabis. The suspect was heading to Ngoma District,” SP Twizeyimana said.

All the suspects were handed over to RIB for further investigations.