

Findings. A toxicology report shows presence of narcotics drugs, insecticides and pesticides in samples taken from kidney, liver, blood, and stomach contents from the deceased.

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Narcotics killed Europeans in city hotels - Gen Kayihura

KAMPALA. The Inspector General of Police has likened the mysterious deaths of two Europeans in Kampala hotels early this month to that of former Butaleja Woman Member of Parliament Cerinah Nebanda and Jeff Rice, *The Amazing Race* producer.

Both Nebanda and Rice are reported to have died of drugs overdose in questionable circumstances in Kampala in December 2012.

"These deaths can be compared to that of Nebanda and Jeff Rice, who died as a result of consuming a cocktail of narcotic drugs," Gen Kale Kayihura told a press conference at Police headquarters at Naguru in Kampala last evening.

Victims

He was giving preliminary findings into the death of Andreas Nordlander, a Swedish national, and Tuomas Terasvuori, a Finnish national.

A toxicology report presented by the director of Government Analytical Laboratories, Mr Kepher Kuchana Kateu, indicated presence of narcotics drugs, insecticides and pesticides in samples taken from kidney, liver, blood, and stomach contents from the two Europeans.

Assisted by Dr Moses Byaruhanga, the police's forensic pathologist, Gen Kayihura insisted the deaths were different, though the analysis brought them together.

Nordlander's toxicology report

indicated traces of cocaine, morphine and organo-phosphorous, Diazinon and Diazepam, while that of Terasvuori was found with an unknown drug in the mouth, narcotics and pesticides.

"The pattern looks similar and our investigations will focus on how they accessed these drugs. There are people who bring drugs and in an attempt to multiply these drugs,

they mix with other substances that causes death," Gen Kayihura said.

Perpetrators

He said some drug peddlers in Kampala use by-products of ARVs which they sell to unsuspecting members of the public like the case with Nebanda and Rice.

Gen Kayihura, who acknowledged

there are some drug pushers in the country, said the police had arrested Terasvuori's girlfriend and driver and a one Fatuma from who they allegedly bought the narcotic drug.

Dr Byaruhanga said the two Europeans could have injected themselves with the substances.

However, Gen Kayihura said there were no signs of external struggles

in both deaths.

Meanwhile, the police have started probing operatives of Internal Security Organisation (ISO), who allegedly forged a letter on which the Finnish national travelled into the country.

Mr Joshua Tusingwire, the officer-in-charge CID, Kampala Central Police Station, said ISO director general Frank Bagyenda said the letter was forged.

Five people have so far been arrested and are still being held by ISO with the police yet to access them.

Gen Kayihura tasked Mr Tusingwire to subject the alleged forged letter to forensic examination to rule out any doubts.

Police also said they had arrested a lady identified as Futumah Kabagambe, who is suspected to have supplied the drugs that killed Terasvuori.

"Information in this case shows the deceased's girlfriend and driver went and got drugs from a lady called Futumah Kabagambe and we have since arrested her to help us in investigations," Gen Kayihura said.



Speaks out. The Inspector General of Police, Gen Kale Kayihura, addresses journalists at the police headquarters in Naguru, Kampala, yesterday. PHOTO BY ABUBAKER LUBOWA

OTHER DEATHS

Gen Kale Kayihura also said a US tourist, who died Bwana Tembo Safari Camp in Murchison Falls National Park, succumbed to heart failure.

Pathologists are yet to examine US national Rita Charlotte's body who died at Pakwach hospital where she had been rushed after collapsing during a nature walk near the falls.