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Ugandan nuns arrested for growing marijuana

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Police in Uganda have arrested two Catholic nuns after a drugs raid. Officers in Masaka district raided the Bwanda Convent after a tip-off that marijuana was growing. They found two acres of the plant. One of the nuns attacked the police to stop them from reaching the illegal plants. Uganda's New Vision website said the police were surprised when the nuns struggled. One of the nuns told the police the marijuana was not for sale. She said they wanted to use it to treat farm animals.

This will be a difficult case for the court to decide. It is very unusual to hear about Catholic nuns growing marijuana. Perhaps even stranger are stories of them using it themselves. Growing marijuana in Uganda is illegal. Noah Serunjogi, a police spokesman, said, "no one is allowed to plant marijuana". He added that other people might be taking advantage of the nuns to commit a crime. The nuns were later released by the police without being charged. However, police are now questioning two male workers from the convent.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a drugs | a. not for sale |
| 2. a tip-off that | b. surprised |
| 3. One of the nuns | c. raid |
| 4. the police were | d. farm animals |
| 5. the police the marijuana was | e. marijuana was growing |
| 6. use it to treat | f. attacked the police |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a difficult case | a. being charged |
| 2. Growing marijuana in Uganda | b. two male workers |
| 3. people might be taking | c. is illegal |
| 4. commit a | d. for the court |
| 5. released by the police without | e. crime |
| 6. police are now questioning | f. advantage of the nuns |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Police in Uganda have arrested two Catholic nuns _____
raid. Officers in Masaka district raided the Bwanda Convent after
_____ marijuana was growing. They found two acres
of the plant. One of the nuns attacked the police
_____ from reaching _____. Uganda's New
Vision website said the police were surprised when the nuns
struggled. One of the nuns told the police the marijuana was
_____. She said they wanted to use _____
animals.

This will be _____ for the court to decide. It is very
unusual to hear about Catholic nuns growing marijuana. Perhaps
even stranger are stories of _____ themselves.
Growing marijuana in Uganda is illegal. Noah Serunjogi, a police
spokesman, said, "_____ to plant marijuana". He
added that other people might be _____ of the nuns
to commit a crime. The nuns were later released by the police
without _____. However, police are _____
two male workers from the convent.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Police in Uganda have (1) ____ two Catholic nuns after a drugs raid. Officers in Masaka district raided the Bwanda Convent after a tip-(2) ____ that marijuana was growing. They found two acres of the plant. One of the nuns attacked the police to stop them from (3) ____ the illegal plants. Uganda's New Vision website said the police were surprised when the nuns struggled. One of the nuns told the police the marijuana was not for (4) _____. She said they wanted to use it to (5) _____ farm animals.

This will be a difficult (6) _____ for the court to decide. It is very unusual to hear about Catholic nuns growing marijuana. Perhaps even stranger are stories of them using (7) _____ themselves. Growing marijuana in Uganda is illegal. Noah Serunjogi, a police spokesman, said, "no one is allowed to (8) _____ marijuana". He added that other people might be taking advantage (9) _____ the nuns to commit a crime. The nuns were later released by the police without being charged. However, police are now (10) _____ two male workers from the convent.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) arrests | (b) arrest | (c) arrested |
| 2. | (a) off | (b) on | (c) over |
| 3. | (a) reach | (b) reaching | (c) reaches |
| 4. | (a) sell | (b) sale | (c) sales |
| 5. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) thread |
| 6. | (a) bag | (b) box | (c) case |
| 7. | (a) them | (b) it | (c) her |
| 8. | (a) flower | (b) weed | (c) plant |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at |
| 10. | (a) questions | (b) questioning | (c) questioned |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a drugs raid
2. two acres of the plant
3. the illegal plants
4. the nuns struggled
5. not for sale
6. treat farm animals

Paragraph 2

7. a difficult case for the court
8. very unusual
9. even stranger
10. no one is allowed
11. taking advantage of the nuns
12. commit a crime

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () plant marijuana". He added that other people might be taking advantage of the nuns to commit a crime. The nuns were
- () later released by the police without being charged. However, police are now questioning two male workers from the convent.
- (**1**) Police in Uganda have arrested two Catholic nuns after a drugs raid. Officers in Masaka district
- () the marijuana was not for sale. She said they wanted to use it to treat farm animals.
- () raided the Bwanda Convent after a tip-off that marijuana was growing. They found two acres of the plant. One of the
- () This will be a difficult case for the court to decide. It is very unusual to hear
- () themselves. Growing marijuana in Uganda is illegal. Noah Serunjogi, a police spokesman, said, "no one is allowed to
- () nuns attacked the police to stop them from reaching the illegal plants. Uganda's New Vision website said
- () about Catholic nuns growing marijuana. Perhaps even stranger are stories of them using it
- () the police were surprised when the nuns struggled. One of the nuns told the police

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Catholic Uganda nuns have arrested Police two in.

2. that A marijuana tip was - growing off.

3. police the attacked nuns the of One.

4. were struggled surprised when The the police nuns.

5. was for marijuana not sale The.

6. A court difficult to case decide for the.

7. Growing in is marijuana Uganda illegal.

8. be nuns taking advantage People of might the.

9. released The by nuns the were police later.

10. male two questioning now are Police workers.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about marijuana for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. ILLEGAL DRUGS: Search the Internet and find more information about the bad effects of illegal drugs. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about marijuana. Include imaginary an interview with a doctor. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the Ugandan policeman. Ask him three questions about this case. Give him three of your opinions on how to stop people using drugs. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.