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## NEWS RELEASE/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## MARITIME ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION ON THE NORTH COAST

The JDF Coast Guard whilst on a Joint Operation with the Jamaica Constabulary Force on Wednesday 13 January 2010, at approximately 2 a.m., tracked two go fast vessels which were to have rendezvoused with another vessel at sea along the north coast.

The vessels were loaded with bales of what is believed to be illegal narcotics destined for the United States. The vessels commenced throwing the bales overboard once they were detected and their rendezvous attempts foiled.

They then headed back towards the north coast of Jamaica, where one vessel made land fall in Lucea Harbour. The men from that vessel made their escape in a waiting motor vehicle.

Five (05) bales were recovered at sea and a total of nineteen (19) bales weighing 516.14 kgs have been handed over by the JDF Coast Guard to the narcotics police in Kingston.

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