

Crime Branch said the Derry and Newtownabbey arrests are part of a major investigation into drugs supply and money laundering.

'Significant haul'

He said the February 2017 seizure "was a significant haul of drugs recovered by our officers as part of a proactive operation targeting criminals intent on making money from illicit drugs". "The supply of controlled drugs by gangs is the cause of significant harm in our communities. And those who involve themselves in such criminality should expect to end up in a prison cell."The man arrested are being on suspicion of supplying Class A and B drugs. The man and woman arrested in Newtownabbey were also arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life and possession of a firearm and ammunition in suspicious circumstances.

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## **THE VATICAN POLICE**

Every inhabitant of the planet wants to enjoy the peaceful sky, bring up children, take care of their parents, that is, that life was complete and joyful. Each state has special units to ensure its defense, freedom and equality, which faithfully carry the service and ensure the rule of law.

Vatican City officially Vatican City State is an independent city-state enclaved within Rome, Italy. Responsibility on the protection of state from the external aggression lies predominantly on the armed forces of Italy. Vatican City in his own boundaries has Papal Swiss guards or Gendarmerie Corps.

The Gendarmerie Corps of Vatican City State is the gendarmerie or police and security force, of Vatican City and theextraterritorial properties of the Holy See (the Pope of Rome). The 130-member corps is

led by an Inspector General, currently Domenico Giani. The corps is responsible for security, public order, border control, traffic control, criminal investigation, and other general police duties in Vatican City. The Vatican Gendarmerie includes two special units, the Rapid Intervention Group (Italian: Gruppo Intervento Rapido; G.I.R.) and an anti-sabotage unit (Italian: Unità Antisabotaggio). Since 2000 an operations and control room, staffed 24 hours a day, coordinates the response of the Vatican security services in the case of an emergency.

The Interpol National Central Bureau for Vatican City tasked with collecting and sharing relevant information on crime and security with Interpol, an organization of which Vatican City is a full member since 2008, is also part of the Vatican Gendarmerie.

While the protection of the Pope's person is primarily the Swiss Guard's responsibility, the gendarmes ensure public order at the audiences, meetings and ceremonies at which he is present. In Italian territory and in other countries, this is done in liaison with the local police authorities.

To qualify for enrollment as a gendarme, a person must be an unmarried male between the ages of 21 to 24 of good health and a practicing Catholic. There are also minimum requirements of height and education.

The mission statement of the Papal Swiss Guard is a straightforward one and has not changed since they were formed in 1506. It is to protect the Pope and his residence "if called for, even by giving one's own life". The Swiss Guard can be seen at any time, day or night, at the entrances to the Vatican City, outside the Pope's own apartments and at any public event within the Vatican, including celebrations of Holy Mass, meetings with heads of states and public audiences.

On May 6th each year the Guardsmen can be seen during the swearing in of new members of the Guard which usually takes place in the courtyard of San Damasco, within the Vatican City. This is a ceremony worth seeing. It includes religious and lay dignitaries and representatives of the Swiss Army as well as families of all the recruits, and retired Guardsmen. All servicemen are in full dress uniform.

There are very strict conditions for entry. Anyone wanting to apply must be:

- Male - women are not permitted to apply.
- At least 1.74 meters tall.
- Under 30 years old, although exceptionally, a former (retired) Guardsman may be permitted to return after the age of 30.
- Unmarried - although if a Guard is over the age of 25, has completed at least three years' service, is at least the rank of Corporal and

commits to serving for at least another three years, he may be permitted to marry.

- A Swiss national citizen in order to "preserve our typical Swiss character" - quiet, professional and dedicated to duty.

- A graduate of the Swiss Army who has completed the full military training agenda.

- A practicing Roman Catholic who can be trusted to uphold the values of that faith in their everyday life within the Curia, and in particular in their contact with visiting dignitaries.

- Articulate and self-directed; as an indicator of that an applicant must be in possession of a certificate of completion of three years' higher education or two years of professional training (such as an apprenticeship).

- In good health, physically and psychologically, and have passed the very thorough entrance examinations which are also both physical and psychological testing.

- Ready to commit to a minimum of two years' service with the Corps.

- Of "irreproachable reputation".

Uniform colors denote rank: white for the Commandant and Sergeant Major; purple for Lieutenants; red for privates and yellow and black for drummers.

The uniform creates a perception that they undertake ceremonial duties only, but all Papal Swiss Guards have undergone military training within the Swiss Army and are skilled in combat before being accepted into the Corps. These are a highly trained, state-of-the-art combatants who are among the most highly trained and skilled marksmen in the world.

Whilst serving in the Vatican they undergo further training, particularly in terrorist attacks and unarmed combat techniques. Like any military order, they have daily drills and inspections. They also carry live weapons, including automatic pistols, bolt action rifles and sub-machine guns. Since the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II in 1981, their training in marksmanship has been daily and intense.

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