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**KOTA KINABALU:** Police say they had to open fire at two suspected drug pushers who tried to run them over during an anti-drug operation in Sabah's southwestern Beaufort district.

The suspects were detained shortly after the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed onto the roadside inundated by floodwaters

at Jalan Melulugus, near the Beaufort Community College, at 8.30pm on Tuesday.

Beaufort police chief Deputy Supt Yusoff Zaki said anti-narcotics policemen were conducting surveillance on a house in Kampung Limbawang when a car carrying two men suddenly entered the compound,

"The policemen approached the car and instructed the driver to stop but he responded aggressively before speeding off towards the police team, almost hitting some of them," he said yesterday.

"In self-defence, the police fired several shots at the tyres in order to get the car to stop," he said, adding that the suspects however managed

to escape towards Jalan Melulugus.

DSP Yusoff said his men gave chase and the car eventually crashed onto the roadside. The suspects, aged 31 and 35, fled on foot but were apprehended soon after.

"Upon checking their vehicle, we found a plastic bag containing over six grammes of suspected syabu in the driver's seat," he added.